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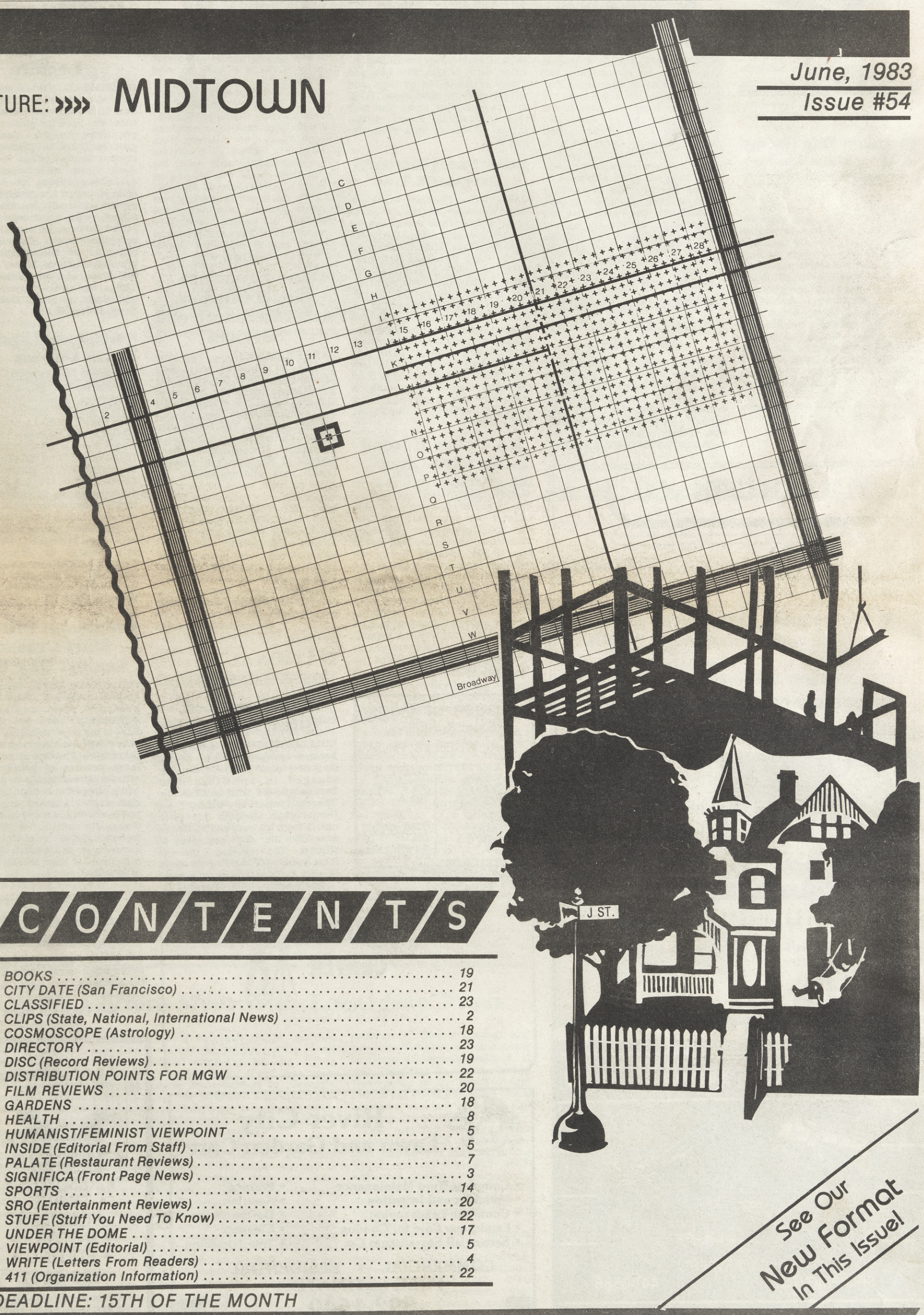

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Richard La Voie

STATE

Straight Man Claims Discrimination In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — A man who applied for a job in a haircutting salon claims the management refused to hire him because he is straight. Kent Keebler has filed a complaint with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission against Hairliners, the salon, claiming they offered him a part-time job instead of a full-time one after asking him his sexuality. Mike Hall, attorney for the salon, says the man was only asked a routine question about whether he is comfortable working with gay people. "Only in San Francisco," said Hall. — **The Sentinal, San Francisco** ■

Residence Hall Students Grapple With 'Lesbianity'

CLAREMONT, CA — A woman selected to be a residence hall monitor (RA) at Claremont College found herself in the center of an uproar when she published a coming-out piece for Gay Awareness Week in the school paper. Meetings were called to discuss the implications of the new RA, and several students threatened to move out if she continued on the job. The paper, in its coverage of the situation, quoted one student as declaring the "girls had just never had to deal with the issue of lesbianity before." The woman was retained as an RA, and has since been accepted by the students. — **Gay Community News, Boston** ■

TV Station Grants Money For Harvey Milk Film

SAN FRANCISCO — A New York television station has agreed to give $1000,000 to the Harvey Milk Film Project, provided the group comes up with $50,000 in matching funds by July 15th. The Independent Documentary Fund at the television lab of WNET, New York, awarded the money for the feature-length documentary **Out of Order: The Times of Harvey Milk,** currently being made by the film project. The film's staff includes professionals whose credentials include **Word Is Out, The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter,** and **Greetings From Washington, D.C.,** the documentary about the 1979 Gay and Lesbian march on the capital. — **Harvey Milk Film Project** ■

Sailor Faces Discharge Over AIDS Test

OAKLAND — The Navy is preparing to discharge an Oakland-based sailor whose crime was to ask for an AIDS examination. Petty Officer 2nd Class William Kerr went to the Navy physician for symptoms he thought may indicate AIDS. It turned out to be hepatitis. During the visit to the doctor, however, Kerr claimst he M.D. accused him of being gay and told him his presence in the Navy was dangerous because other sailors would want to kill him. Kerr said he was only worried about catching AIDS because he works in an operating room, where conditions frequently expose personnel to a variety of infections. — **Our Paper, San Jose** ■

LA Police Forced To Hire Gays

LOS ANGELES — Two years of negotiations between the gay community and the Los Angeles Police Department have paid off. The Gay and Lesbian Police Advisory Task Force announced that the PD has finally granted to do an outreach program to lesbians and gays. The action came after the Civilian Police Commission decided the Police Department was discriminating against homosexuals (an illegal practice in Los Angeles) and ordered the department to place recruitment ads in lesbian and gay publications. — **Out Front, Denver** ■

'Tootsie' Bill Dies In Senate

SACRAMENTO — The California State Senate turned down Senator Leroy Greene's bill to end discrimination against transsexuals by a vote of 20-5. The bill, dubbed the "tootsie" bill after the movie starring Dustin Hoffman as an actor who dresses as a woman to get work, drew criticism from Senator John Doolittle (R-Sacramento), who said the term transsexual was too vague. Sen. H.L. Richardson (R-Arcadia) said the bill would force employers to hire workers who have "the kinkiest of habits." Senators Keene, Petris, Marks, Watson and Greene were the only "aye" votes. — **Sacramento Union** ■

San Francisco Shells Out For AIDS Research and Services

SAN FRANCISCO — The city Board of Supervisors has unanimously urged Mayor Dianne Feinstein to spend $2.1 million of research on AIDS in addition to the $1.5 million already appropriated for that purpose. The Board also asked Feinstein to approve a substantial (though unspecified) amount of city money to provide health care and counseling for AIDS patients, many of whom incur health care costs of $80,000 or more. San Francisco, which currently is in excellent financial condition with a fat city surplus, has already appropriated $250,000 to establish eight local residences for homeless AIDS patients, many of whom were evicted when managers or landowners discovered their condition. — **Bay Area Reporter** ■

NATIONAL

Man Sees Red, Bites 'Gay' Dog

COLUMBUS, OHIO — A man here became enraged when he caught his four-year-old Pomeranian dog engaged in an unspecified homosexual act with another dog. The man attacked "Elmo", the Pomeranian, twisted his neck nearly from his body and bit him so severely the dog required 43 stitches. The reaction from the local Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was not known. — **The Weekly News, Miami** ■

Researcher Uses 'Lesbian Lizards' In Semantics Lecture

BALTIMORE, MD — A researcher at John Hopkins University, commenting on male-female behavior, used the phenomenon of parthenogenesis (same-sex procreation) in whiptail lizards to caution peers against the casual use of "male" and "female" when describing modes of behavior. John Money, a sex researcher and psychiatry faculty member at the school, was commenting on a recent article in a psychiatric periodical which described the behavior of the whiptail (or "lesbian") lizards. Money said the definitions of "homosexual" and "heterosexual" may need "revising". — **Gay Community News, Boston** ■

Wisconsin Legalizes Gay Sex

MADISON, WISCONSIN — After years of work by gay activists and supporters, a bill abolishing the state's archaic sodomy laws has been passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor. The bill by Assemblyman David Clarenbach (D-Madison), who last year passed the nation's first statewide anti-discrimination law for gays, was amended in the Senate to include higher penalties for public sex and sex with minors before it was sent to Governor Anthony Earl. The action by Clarenbach (who serves this session as Speaker Pro Tempore of the Assembly) makes Wisconsin the 27th state to repeal such laws. — **Washington Blade, Washington DC** ■

Oklahoma Officials Start Crusade Against Gay Bars

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK — City Council members, responding to pressure from conservative constituents, have put five gay bars in the city "on notice" that an effort will be mounted to close them down. The Council received a large number of petitions from citizens who objected to gay bars being allowed to remain open. The bars report a sharp increase in police activity in the area since the Council's action, and many patrons have complained of harassment and assault by police officers. — **The Weekly News, Miami** ■

Bill Service Apologizes To Gay Legislators

ST. PAUL, MN — A legislative information service which called the Minnesota gay rights bill a bill dealing with "fruit

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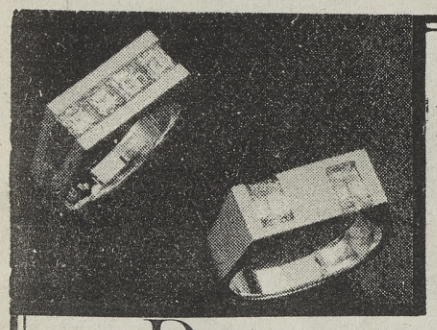
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Conference On Homosexuality/ Social Sciences Shatters Myths

By Stacy Selmants

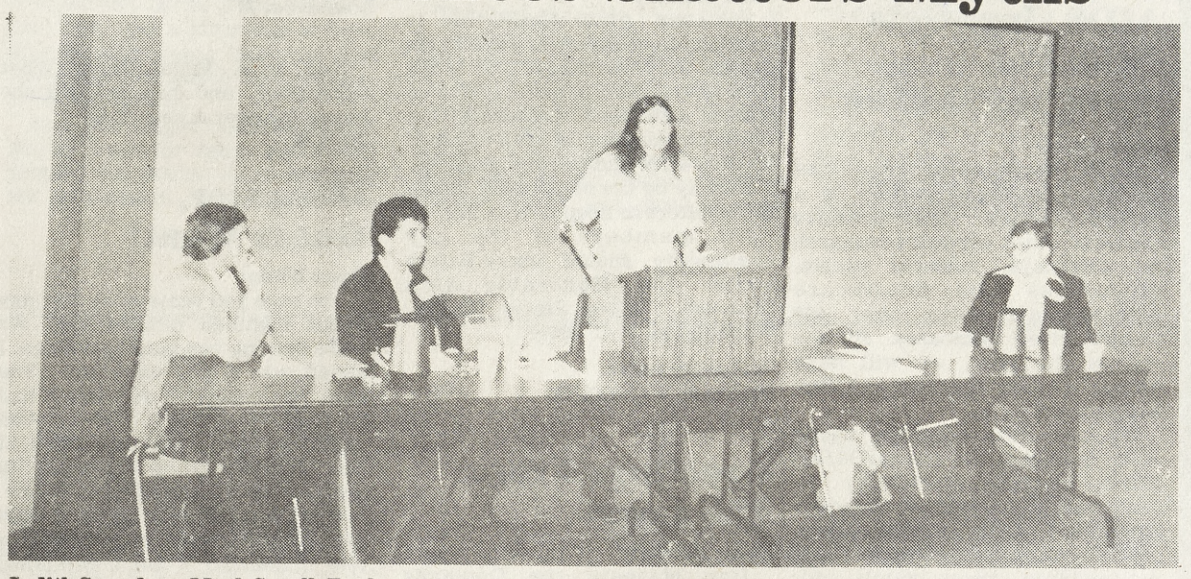
*In a survey conducted among 1000 lesbians in Southern California, 36% reported at least one incidence of violence with a lover.

*The same survey noted that the great majority of lesbians, even those who were religious in their youth, had turned away from churches and synagogues. Many respondents wrote that they had not abandoned the religions of their childhoods. Their religions had abandoned them.

*According to a study made of bathhouse rituals, in the silent, timeless world of the baths, the outside world's status symbols of money and power do not apply. Beauty is all, and no words are exchanged. If conversation occurs, "the magic is lost."

*A nationwide study of lesbians over 65 debunked many of the myths surrounding this "invisible" group of women. One of the women in the study decided to "come out" at the age of 72.

*One hypothesis advanced, explaining the widespread acceptance of bisexuality among young males in Mexico, postulated that the crowded living conditions there caused heightened body awareness, a factor in determining sexual practices.



Judith Saunders, Mark Small, Barbara Burd (at podium), and Kay Buie. Photo By Stacy Selmants

These findings were only a sampling of the information presented May 6 and 7 at the Conference on Homosexuality and the Social Sciences. Held at CSUS, and sponsored by the Sacramento Anthropological Society, the Conference attracted both local and out-of-state speakers and participants. The first day's events were aimed primarily at professionals in the anthropological field. Many relevant topics concerning the problems inherent in being openly gay or doing research in the gay community, defying standard practices of the usually staid anthropological community, were addressed.

Judith M. Saunders, of the organization **Southern California Women for Understanding,** was one of the first speakers on the second day of the Conference, which featured a series of presentations aimed at the more general audience of gay non-academics. The rationale behind this 1000-person survey of lesbians in L.A. was to explore the myths and demographics of the hard-to-get pocket of the gay community — lesbians. Saunders said because women in gay communities are more prone to socialize at private homes and gatherings, and because men are often inclined to "take over" dual gender gay organizations, lesbians have been traditionally less accessible to researchers. Saunders stressed this inaccessibility, in her drive to show how revelant the group's findings were. Some samplings:

*Relating to terms preferred, in the past the term "gay" was preferred to "lesbian," due to negative stereotypes associated with the term "lesbian." However, respondents mentioned that many have resumed using the term "lesbian."

"The term 'lesbian' has been reclaimed by the community with a sense of pride," Saunders said.

*Most respondents were "upscale." At least half were making an income of $20,000 and many were topping the $40,000 level. Do these figures point to a surprising universal affluence among lesbians? Unfortunately, no.

Efforts were made to reach groups of lesbians in the lower economic brackets and to reach Third World lesbians. Due to a

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Duke's Budget Cuts Mobilize Women's Groups

By Mark Vandervelden

Governor George Deukmejian's proposed 1983-84 budget could have far reaching consequences for women barely able to hold their own in the face of poverty. That is the conclusion of a coalition of organizations fighting the Governor's spending plan which is now winding through the legislature. Specifically, the groups will be seeking to restore cuts in job training, child care licensing, and Aid to Families With Dependent Children.

The Budget And Working Women

The Governor's budget proposal would affect working women in at least four major areas. First, the administration proposes to eliminate merit pay adjustments for state employees. These salary increases usually go to younger or recently hired employees. Women outnumber men in these catagories by a ratio of nearly five to one. The proposal would save the state $60 million dollars.

The budget proposal calls for a 14.6% reduction in funding for on-site apprenticeship programs. When federal cuts are rolled in the cut would top 19% over current levels of spending. Since 1974 the number of women in these programs has increased ten fold. Critics of the cuts fear they would decrease the ability of women to enter the skilled labor market and become self-supporting.

In other areas, the Governor proposes to cut "sweatshop" labor enforcement by eliminating 67 of 73 positions in the Concentrated Labor Enforcement Program (CEP). CEP has found 56% of the 5,097 garment industry firms it has inspected between April 1978 and June 1981, in violation of state labor laws. These violations include paying employees less than minimum wage and not paying overtime.

Working women would also feel the brunt of the Governor's plan to eliminate Family Day Care Licensing. This program is designed to ensure that child care facilities are safe while working mothers are on the job.

The Budget And Welfare Mothers

A few facts about welfare:

The AFDC program provides cash grants to children and their parents or guardians whose income is not sufficient to provide for their basic needs. Eligibility for the AFDC program is limited to families with children who are needy due to the death, incapacity, continued absence, or unemployment of a parent or guardian.

- Families headed by women live on 40 percent of the income of those headed by men.
- A recent California study showed that women experienced a 78% loss in standard of living after divorce, while men experienced a 42% improvement in their standard of living.
- While 5.3% of families with a male head are poor, an overwhelming 31.4% of all families with a female head are poor.
- Female-headed single parent families comprise 88% of the AFDC family group caseload in California.
- Two out of three American adults classified as living in poverty are women;
- 75% of our poor persons are women and children;
- Up to one-third of the women on welfare work but can't earn enough money to support their children.

The Governor's budget calls for no cost of living increases for AFDC grants. This in the face of inflation which has put the average AFDC recipient 11% behind the level of support provided two years ago. The Governor also is recommending to the legislature other reductions in AFDC programs including shared housing grants and delayed payment of grants until the first of the month after eligibility is determined.

Women And Health

The Governor's budget proposes a number of reductions which, if implemented, could have a significant impact on health care services currently available to poor women. Under the Governor's plan, abortion procedures would be strictly limited to non-elective options (rape, incest, life endangerment, deformity). Recent court decisions, however,

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UNION Editors Meet With Local Gay Press

By Mark Vandervelden

Sacramento Union Editor Peter Hayes and Managing Editor Dan Sable met recently with the staffs of Mom...Guess What! Newspaper and the Sacramento Star. The one hour meeting was arranged by MGW publisher Linda Birner in an effort to increase the Union editors awareness of local gay issues and to establish a dialogue between the Union and the gay community.

In recent years, the Sacramento Bee has made a strong affirmative effort to reach out to the gay community, consulting leading gay voices on controversial issues and developing unique feature stories. The Bee has generally received high marks for its gay coverage.

The Sacramento Union, in contrast, has developed a reputation for being less than sympathetic to the gay community, ignoring significant issues and failing to reach out to informed sources. In the year since Hayes took command of the Union, observes say, there has been some improvement in coverage. but the continued impression that the Union's gay coverage is sorely lacking prompted the meeting with the local gay press.

Hayes told the group that the Union deals with the gay community in the same manner in which it deals with any other minority group. Hayes expressed some surprise at the size of Sacramento's gay community and the extent of social, political, and other organizations gay people are active in. Hayes conceeded that the Union has not developed a list of community resources to turn to for accurate information concerning gay issues. When it was suggested that the Union's own gay employees had reason to fear coming out, Hayes insisted that sexual orientation was not a factor in Union personnel decisions. It was suggested to Hayes that a clear policy on the matter might relieve the anxiety of some Union reporters who now refuse to risk covering gay stories.

The meeting was non-confrontational and non-antagonistic in tone and substance. The Union editors listened well, welcomed continued discussions, but did not indicate any specific steps the paper would take to enhance the quality of it's gay coverage.

Participants in the meeting included Birner, MGW Editor Frank Lawler, Mark Vandervelden, Dr. Harvey Thompson, Rev. Jerry Sloan, Atty. Phil Hoskins, and Sacramento Star staffers James Graham and Tim Warford. ■

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AIDS, Inc. Gets Calls For AIDS/KS Hotline

Dear Editor:

AIDS, Incorporated (American International Data Search) is a newly-formed Sacramento business which performs research for attorneys, business people, physicians and healthcare professionals using over 400 computerized databases. By the end of the year, we will have offices in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

We have been receiving phone calls intended for the AIDS/KS Hotline recently started by the Sacramento chapter of Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation. The source of the confusion is obvious: AIDS the business shares initials with AIDS the epidemic. Additionally, we're the only AIDS listed in the phone book. Because of these two factors and because the entire community is threatened by this frightening health problem, AIDS, Inc., is referring all calls meant for the AIDS/KS Hotline to the right number.

AIDS, Inc., recognizes that Kaposi's Sarcoma is a grave danger to all. We hope that this letter clarifies who we are and reduces any confusion for potential callers to the AIDS/KS Hotline.

Best Regards,
Susan Steinsapir
Information Consultant ■

Write Cranston To Prosecute White

Dear Editor:

Senator Alan Cranston is courting the support of gays in his bid for the Presidency. Now is the time to urge him to publicly call on federal officials to prosecute Dan White for denying the civil rights of Harvey Milk and George Moscone. This may be the only viable option in the effort to keep him in jail.

All members of the gay community should immediately write: The Honorable Alan Cranston, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510.

Sincerely yours,
Ryder B. Crystall ■

Greetings From The Court

Dear Editor:

Her Majesty the Dowager Empress Billy has instructed me to convey her Imperial Delight at your kind remarks for Her Majesty personally and for the Empire in general which appeared in the May issue of your paper. The Court of the Nolen Peacock of the Great Northwest Imperial Empire also sends its collective "thank you" and echos the Dowager Empress' praise for your paper. I should like to add a personal thank you from the Duchy of Dragonlaire to Stan Hadden, Esq. for his birthday message in his excellent column.

Charles
Duke of Dragonlaire and Personal Secretary to the
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AIDS Has International Scope

Dear Editor:

We hear alot about how AIDS is truly international in scope; but it is not until one personally hears about it in foreign lands that it strikes home. The following is from Blackpool, Lancastershire, England: We have also had a scare here concerning that disease AIDS. It's been on T.V., radio, and in the newspapers. It makes one fear having sex. The programmes have been terrifying.

Love Ken. ■

Ken is a Mom...Guess What subscriber, and has enjoyed the paper for over a year now.
Walt ■

Daughter, Guess What!

Dear Ellen:

I'm sure you remember that day about eighteen months ago. We were driving you back to college. I asked you if you were gay. You said "probably". I felt like I had been hit by a truck. I can't even begin to express the pain I felt at that moment. It is one thing to suspect but quite another to know. I didn't want to hurt you so I tried to be calm and accepting. I asked a few questions, I don't rememer what they were. I cried all the way home and for many months after that.

You remember you said "probably" so I thought that meant you were at some crossroad where you might be gay or might not. Remember for awhile I asked you if you were interested in any guys. It wasn't until I had read a love letter you had written to a girl that it really hit me that you really, really were gay. I am ashamed to have read that letter that you left in your room, but it helped me to see what really wonderfully deep and loving feelings you were able to feel.

Those months that followed were hard. I had no one to talk to (you didn't even want your dad to know then — and I hadn't yet found the Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gay group.)

I read every book at the library on the subject trying to understand what being homosexual is all about.

I went through the guilt of wondering if your father and I had done something to cause you to be different.

I felt a terrible sadness that you would never marry and have children (you, who are so good with children).

I worried and cried about how society would treat you.

My heart broke wondering what pain you had gone through alone. You never showed that you were in pain or unhappy. I wish you would tell me about your feelings as you discovered you were different.

I think about the ugly remarks people make about gays and I know I must have made some too.

I really feel bad about the way I treated you in high school when you had a special girlfriend. Underneath I worried that it was a gay relationship so I resisted it and behaved badly about the time you spent with her. I apologize for that. Now I feel you should have been having the same experiences of being with lots of different girls that your sister was having with boys.

You see I have come a long way. You seem so happy that I am happy for you. I want you to be yourself. I am now and have always been proud of you. I see an always been proud of you. I see an exciting future ahead for you. You kids, but you will have just as meaningful a relationship with some one as wonderful as you are. You will have a great career and lots of freedom. You will always have your family behind you.

So to sum up this rambling letter, I just want you to know that after a year and a half of some searching, reading, going to the Parents & Friends of Gays meetings, I feel very positive. The guilt feelings come through once in a while (although I could never think of anything specific) but I really believe some people are just gay like some people are left handed. I believe you will be OK in this world and I will do everything I can to make it so.

You are a terrific person. I like so many things about you. I love your self confidence and that you seem so happy with yourself. I like your sense of adventure and your adaptability to every situation. You are a smart, sincere, hard working person. I like the way you look. I like so many things about you. I guess the only things I would change are, I wish your room could be neater and I wish you could talk to me about your feelings more. I want to be as close to you as you will let me be.

So always remember I love you and will always be here when you need me. Your friends are always welcome too!
Love,
Mom. #159 ■

P.S.: I want to be sure that you understand that you did not hurt me by being gay. You did not cause my pain. It was what I feared you would have to face in society that hurt. I still worry about that but you are strong and will deal with it as is necessary. I'm ready to come out of the closet when you are. ■

Viet Vet House Provides Support Community For Vets

The Viet Vet House in Sacramento provides comprehensive support services for survivors of the Vietnam War experience and concerned others. Currently in its third year, the Viet Vet House is the only one of its kind in the country, providing a wide range of services to over 1,800 veterans and family members.

The purpose of the Vet House was to fill an important gap in services. Programs are geared toward helping veterans and loved ones deal with health problems (such as the after-affects of Agent Orange), finding employment and housing, substance abuse, obtaining and/or correcting records, and survival trauma (Post Traumatic Stress Disorders) among others. Services in these areas are not adequately provided by the Veterans' Administration or any other agency.

The Viet Vet House is operated independently of any government funding. Money is raised through fundraising efforts such as aluminum scrap collections, rummage sales and other projects. The House is staffed through the efforts of several dedicated trained volunteers.

The Viet Vet House is open to all those affected physically or psychologically by the Vietnam War experience. To volunteer services or take part in workshops or other programs, call 924-3308. ■

Paradise Found: Gay Men Have Discovered That There Is Friendship After Sex

In the June '83 issue of **Mother Jones,** Edmund White explores how gay men's lives "promote new understandings and new modes of behavior" that can be lessons for the future. Traditionally, gays have had few role models, which has left them free to discover a variety of relationships.

According to White, "camaraderie has always been a feature of American gay life." It's a lifestyle in which friends can be sex partners and vice versa. But friendships don't have to originate in or pass through sexual stages, says White. Gay men have begun to "take each other seriously as mentors, buddies, sidekicks, brothers, lovers." ■

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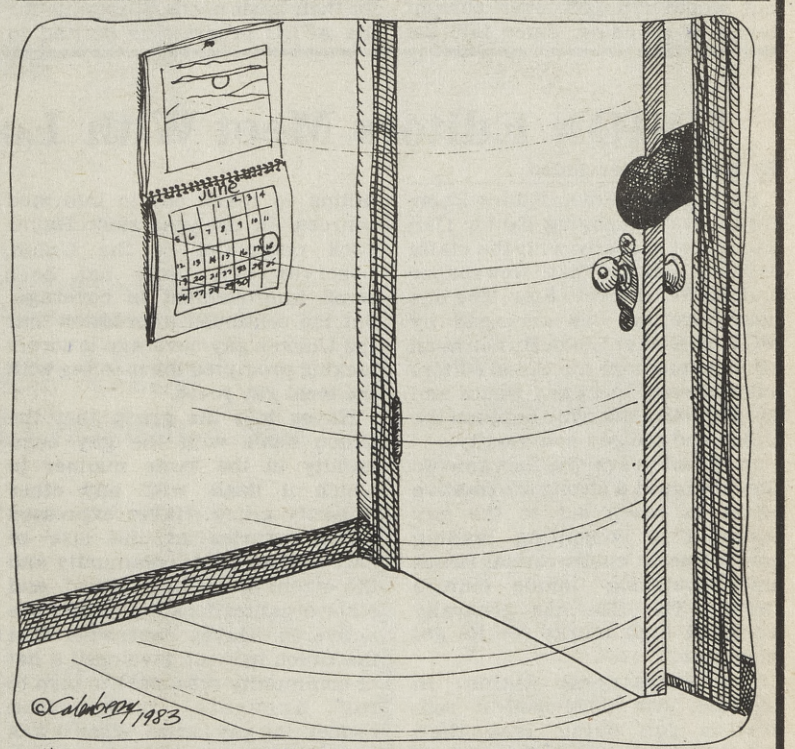

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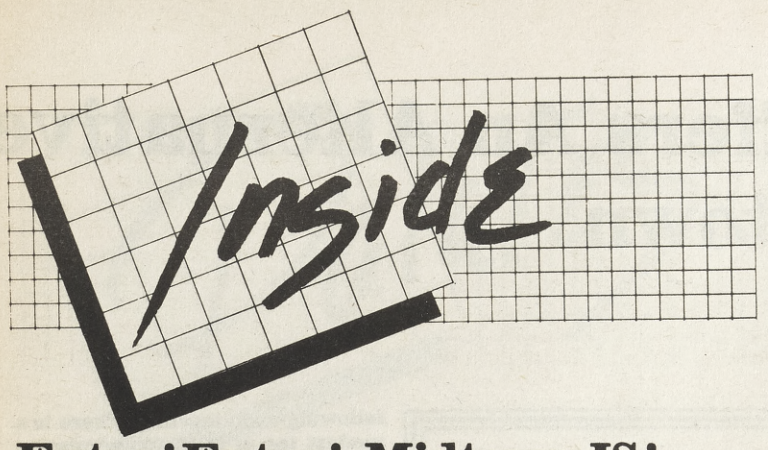

Extra! Extra! Midtown IS!

By Stacy Selmants

No matter how desperately the new condo developers want you to believe it — Midtown is NOT Sacramento's answer to Oz. And no matter how much your mother wants you to believe it — Midtown is not a residential Purgatory, a place rampant with machete-wielding highwaymen, lusting after your pocket change. Oh, sure — in the wee hours of the morning — in the wee hours of the morning you might spot a munchkin or two, Streets. But sights like that just make you glad inside that you still believe in fairies.

And you might observe lots of quirky behavior from our street people. But you're more likely to see a wornout, dusty, downtown rocker, crooning softly, softly into the strings of his dawn guitar: "Where Have All The Winos Gone?"

In this issue, Mark Vandervelden addresses the problem of gentrification in the Midtown area, Marty Kurz extols the virtues of a new Midtown watering/eating spot, Jill Kelly explains why she is allergic to the suburbs and offers information about the First Sacramento Women's Building on J Street — which seems to be a good start at defining what Midtown is, and how we, at least, feel about it.

The best example I can think of to explain the gentle melding of cultures that has evolved here in the last five years can be observed on sticky summer nights. There is a group of us — young, loud and crazy — who play volleyball in the park next to the Senior Citizen's Center, on J and 27th Streets. Technically we are invading their space, interrupting their peace. But every week they haul out the lawn chairs, put their miniature dogs on tethers and form a friendly rooting section. Sometimes they fetch runaway balls for us, sometimes they tell us stories. Sometimes we share our beer, once we even conned one of them into playing. What started out three summers ago as mere mutual toleration has matured into a warm tradition. We're all glad it happened.

And traditions seem to be multiplying. This is our first "theme" issue, and if you like it, there'll be more. the summer's just beginning, and the last of the downtown breezes is playing havoc with the directional water sprinkler on my suburban River Park lawn. I'll be moving back downtown soon, too, where surf's always up and the livin's easy. ■

Mom Gets A New Look . . .

Mom...Guess What! Newspaper makes a choice this issue. We've recognized the style, the pace and the choices you make every day. What you see, what you hear, what you read; all reflect a growing commitment to lifestyle and solid thinking.

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Our paper becomes MGW. Our look is something you will find more readable, a stronger experience of your place and your time.

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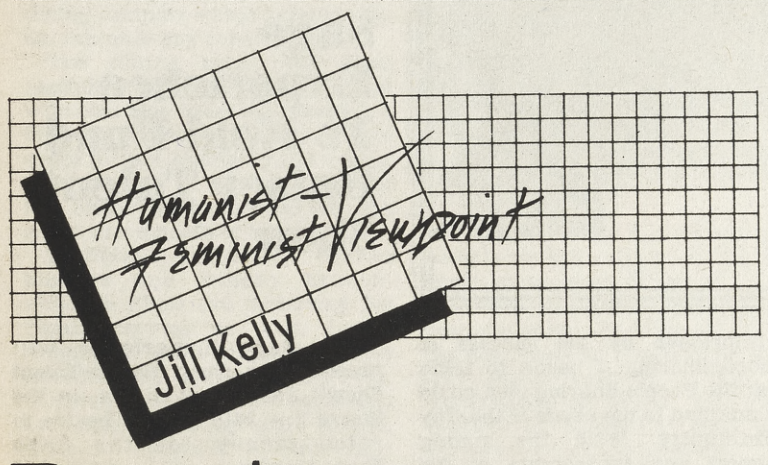


Downtown

Although I was raised in the suburbs, as an adult I've always chosen to live in cities. Around age 9 I made a vow to never again live in a place so utterly boring as the sprawling, middle-class, post-war baby-boom town I grew up in. To this day, cul-de-sacs and hissing lawns make me nervous.

Starting at around age 14, I'd sneak off Saturdays on the Continental Trailways bus and ride the 20 miles or so to meet my best friend Peggy in front of the Marshall Field's Clock Tower in Chicago's Loop. After buying our packs of Newport cigarettes from an indifferent newspaper stand proprietor, we'd proceed to Lucy and Flo's pizza place on Randolph Street for some deep dish pizza and coffee. After three post-luncheon cigs and a heavy discussion about the meaning of life, we might stroll over to the State-Lake Theatre to catch the latest James Bond flick.

Or else we'd head towards Michigan Avenue for an afternoon at the Art Institute. For these visits we'd usually dress artsy: black tights, loafers, baggy sweaters and wool skirts, even on hot summer days. At the Institute, my favorites were the Impressionists, whose paintings of Paris and the French countryside inflamed my yearnings to travel as far away from my quiet suburb as I could.

I never have lived in Paris, nor in New York City, nor even in Chicago — all three fantasies of my childhood. But I have managed to avoid suburbs. In fact, the furthest I've wandered from downtown areas has been a couple of years in Curtis Park — and when my roommate installed a sprinkler system in the front yard, I knew I had to move back downtown.

Sacramento is not New York or Chicago, much less Paris. So what's the charm? Technically, I live Uptown, on the fringe of Midtown. True downtown — below 16th, between G and N, say — is inhabited primarily by transients (both the shopping-cart and political varieties). True downtown is another story by itself.

To me, the charm of my neighborhood lies in little things. First, all the streets are either letters or numbers, making it easy to navigate. Second, the curbs have dips in them to accomodate wheelchairs, sidewalk bike riders and shopping cart nomads.

The travelling men and women circumnavigate my neighborhood regularly, and I like that. Independent and proud, they push their ladened carts down my alley each day, scavenging dumpsters and garbage cans for valuable food and recycleables we wastrels have discarded. They don't scare or bother me; they just remind me of how fortunate but complicated my lifestyle is.

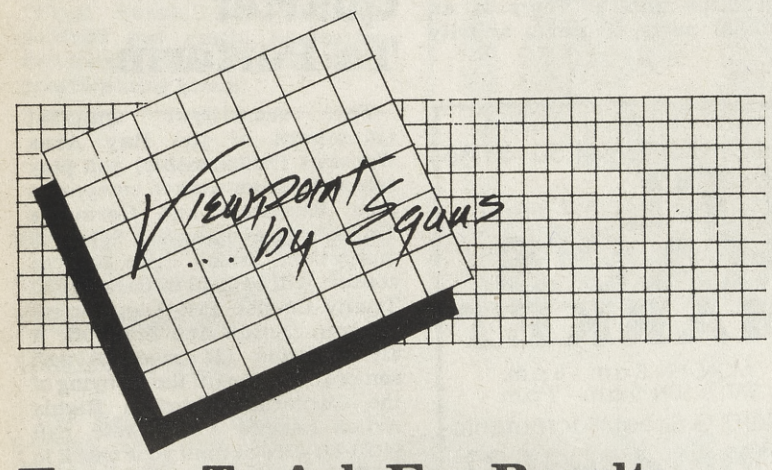
I like the small lots the houses stand on: not much water wasted on park-size lawns. I like the big trees, even the messy sycamores. I like the sound of the trains: it doesn't matter where you live downtown, you're never far from the tracks. I like the motley mix of customers at the grocery store; ramshackle houses next to the restored; old folks sharing parkspace and community gardens with the young.

I'm not much excited about the cuteness springing up in Midtown, though I know it's a sign of economic health. It's not that I'm opposed to croissants, "yoogurt," crepes, Art Deco knick-knacks and toys for grown-ups. It's just that I know they're largely for the commuters zipping down J Street on their way out of town.

As a local, I get more excited by the few restaurants that stay open for Sunday breakfast and serve up good hashbrowns and eggs for under $3.00; dry cleaners that don't specialize in eating or losing my clothes; auto repair and bike shops that know me by name; grocery store checkers who don't need to ask for my ID when I cash a check.

But mostly, I think, I like downtowns because that's where a city's roots are deepest, its population most diverse, and its goings on most unpredictable.

And sometimes, on cool fall days, I'll still dress up in tights, baggy sweater, wool skirt and loafers, and sip espresso at that little place on 20th Street with the sidewalk tables. And if I can squint a little, the sycamores start to look like chestnut trees, and I Street a little like Montparnasse... ■



Forum To Ask For Results In Exchange For Gay Support

The emergence of a sense of community on the part of gays and lesbians in Sacramento during the past year or so has been keenly observed by local politicians. Especially since the candidacy of Robbie Waters for Sheriff, we have been courted by many who would have us believe it is in our interests to vote for, support and campaign for them.

Despite this apparent advance, little results of a tangible nature can be seen within our community. This is due more to our reluctance to press for favorable action than a reflection of bias against us. In the Waters campaign we were told up front not to expect any promises, concessions or changes except those dictated by fairness.

Now we are faced with a mayoral campaign which promises to repeat the same pattern. Ann Rudin has visible support within the gay community, and many have already begun to work in her campaign. Yet she has not advocated any issues or positions which would support the notion that Mayor Rudin would be significantly different from a Mayor Serna or even a Mayor Relles.

Are there no issues for us to press? What about an ordinance banning discrimination against gays in municipal hiring, and services? Or one outlawing employment and housing discrimination in Sacramento? How about requesting our future mayor to appoint a liason to the gay community and a commitment to fair representation of gays on city boards and commissions?

At this point it would even be an advance to have those candidate who court our money, work and votes to publicly acknowledge that they have asked us for this support if the issue comes up? Political maturity requires that we withhold support from those candidates who will not openly support our causes. To continue to back candidates out of the flattery of their presence at our meetings is naive and self-defeating.

Part of the problem, of course, stems from the same bugaboo holding us back in other areas as well. Many of us refuse to take the step into openness about our sexuality and feel that political demands will force just such a result. The Sacramento Super Closet phenomenon has cost us dearly for a long time and will continue to undermine the effort of those who are willing to live honest lives.

That is what the Community Forum at the Sacramento Convention Center this June 17th is all about. "Coming Out — Myths and Realities" has been set up to address the issues of openness. It will assemble a vast array of talent and expertise to give you the information you need to support your own integrity about who you are.

You should attend for this reason alone. But there are other reasons. Nearly every politician in sight has been invited, and all those in attendance will be announced. Come and see just who supports you and who doesn't. And come to give support to our brothers and sisters who are afraid to be open and indeed may even be afraid to come to such a meeting for fear of being "detected".

Let's use this occasion to work to gether for our common good. Let's be Our Community United. ■

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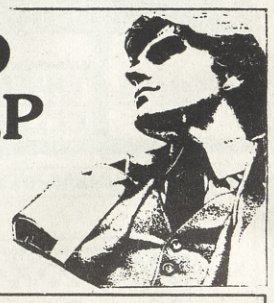

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"Gays Together" Offers An Alternative To The Bars In Midtown

By Fred Bergold

I've had some marvelous times out at the bars. When I've gone out with friends or run into people I know, we have had great fun. But there have also been times when I was alone that the bar experience was not so great. In fact, it seems that when I was feeling most alone and most in need of a friend, an evening at the bars left me feeling even more alone and left out of things than when I first walked in the door.

I've concluded that the bars are not conducive to meeting people. For one thing, the music is often so loud as to make conversation almost impossible. And while subtle lighting is fine for an intimate evening with your date, it is difficult to make friends with shadows leaning against the walls or silhouettes passing in the near darkness. Contact with people in this atmosphere is often superficial at best. The sad truth is that many people simply don't connect with anyone at all. This is especially true for those who are quiet and shy.

Some years back the MCC set up a program called the "Gay Coffee House" in an old building at 9th and J streets. I remember it well because its beginning coincided with the ending of a long-term relationship for me. The Gay Coffee House provided me with a place to go every Friday and Saturday where I could really meet people. There was real conversation, a group of regulars who were open and friendly, and at least some activity each week. I was soon back in the swing of things, including some great times at the bars with my new found friends.

Unfortunately, the Gay Coffee House had no feal funding. The building was run-down and poorly furnished. There was no real program or leadership. Worst of all, there was no permanance. The Coffee House closed down after only a few months.

In 1980 I was asked by some special friends of mine to help in establishing a pioneer program in Sacramento called, "People-Sharing." The purpose of the People-Sharing program was to give people an opportunity to meet each other in a warm and comfortable atmosphere. Sponsored by Threshold Educational and Counseling Services and run by professional counselors, Greg Putzka, M.S.C., and Margaret Fjelstad, Ph.D., People-Sharing provided a safe, comfortable environment in which people could meet. Stable and permanent, People-Sharing has offered a weekly program for the last two and one-half years in a warm and beautifully furnished Victorian setting. Trained facilitators lead discussion groups in exploring challenging issues related to values, self-discovery, and developing social skills. Each meeting is followed by an optional social gathering at the home of one of the participants.

Impressed by the success of People-Sharing, I began to think that the People-Sharing idea could be adapted to the needs of the Gay community. With the strong support and sponsorship of the Threshold organization, and using the People-Sharing format, GAYS TOGETHER held its first weekly meeting on Saturday, May 8th. With topics formulated for Gays, in discussion groups lead by trained lesbian and gay facilitators, GAYS TOGETHER is intended for both gay men and lesbian women.

GAYS TOGETHER is open to everyone, singles and couples, looking for new friends and a variety of interesting activities. The thought-provoking discussions are ideal for those who are just coming out or who may have recently ended a relationship. Those who are new to the area or out of touch with Sacramento's Gay Community will find an environment that really is conducive to meeting people. The Saturday evening time slot, 7:30 to 9 p.m., makes GAYS TOGETHER an ideal place to meet people before going to the bars.

GAYS TOGETHER is held every Saturday evening at Threshold at 2618 J Street. Each week's program begins promptly at 7:30 and lasts until 9. There is an optional party or group activity following each meeting. There is a modest fee of $5.00 for admission or $3.50 with a discount card.

Topics in June will include: How to Fight Fair and Both Win. How Far Out of the Closet: Proclamation, Self-Disclosure, Keeping Quiet. Priority Setting — Do You Do What You Want, What You Have To, Or What You Should? The Gay Community: Where Is It? Developing A Support Structure.

For more information, feel free to call Threshold at 443-6101. ■

Sage Experience To Hold Fund Raiser Talent Show

The Sage Experience will present "Le Fund Raiser-Talent Show" June 17 at 8 p.m. in the Sierra 2 — 24th Street Theatre to raise money for the Sage Experience, a weekend communications/awareness seminar that is offered in the Sacramento, greater California, and Portland areas.

The show will feature clowns, songsters and dancers and will have a door prize drawing for a full tuition valued at $375 for the July Sage Experience in Sacramento. Tickets for the show are $8 in advance and $10 at the door.

"Le Oddition Pour Le Fund Raiser" will be held on June 3 from 7 — 10 p.m. for persons interested in performing in the show. Needed are singers, dancers, musicians, comedians, jugglers, magicians, ventriloquists, mimes and variety acts of any kind. Call April at 739-6815 to make audition appointments.

To order tickets, write to the: Sage Experience, 4920 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, Ca 95819 or phone 442-4346. ■

Women's Quartet To Perform

The Amethyst Quartet (members of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic) will play selections from women composers thea Musgrave and Germaine Taillesferre along with a Schubert quartet on Friday June 10. The concert will be held in Berkeley at Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana Street between Durant and Bancroft. A $10 donation ($5 students and seniors) will benefit the lobbying of the California Abortion Rights Action League. For tickets, call (415) 751-0300 or mail your check to CARAL, 4110 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, 94118. ■

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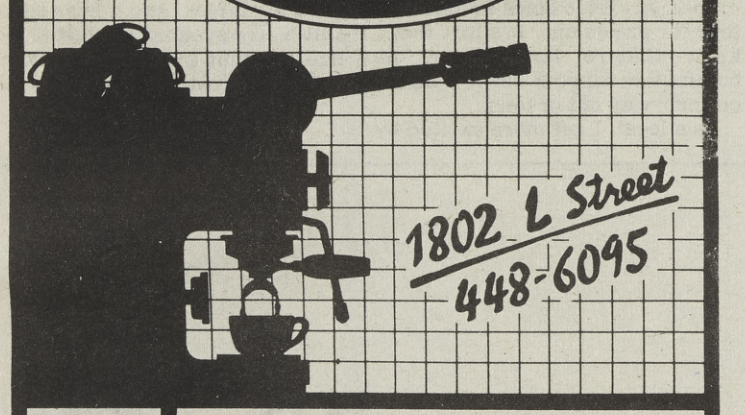

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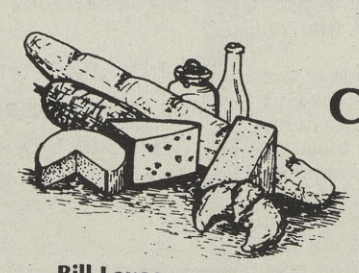

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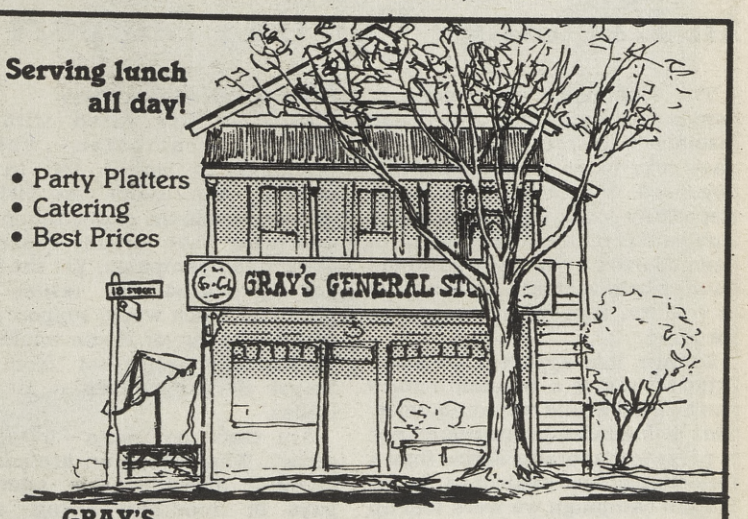

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K Street Bar & Restaurant...Finally

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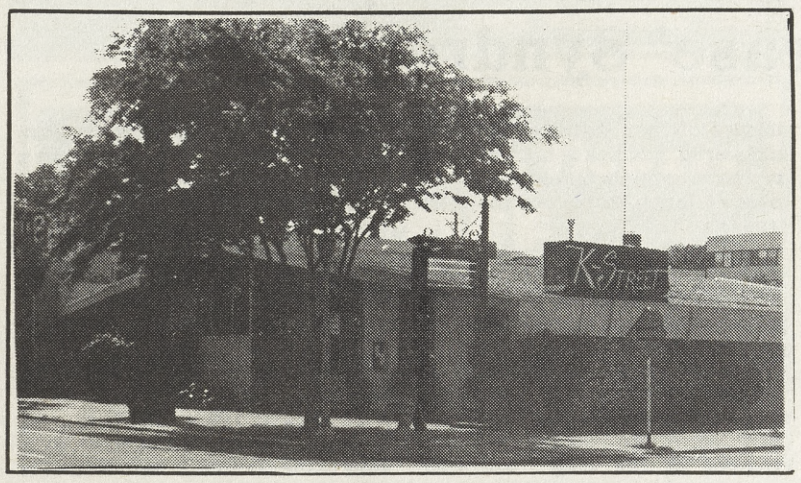

At last — finally! — Sacramento's gay community can boast of a restaurant of its own which features good dining amid an attractive ambience. The result is a dining experience that is unique to Sacramento, long overdue, and heartily welcome.

K Street is a bar, night spot and dining complex which caters to the Sacramento gay community.

The dining room has been restfully and simply decorated with cool blue tones expressed in a high-ceilinged room. Filtered light drifts in, and spotlights add a bit of color as well. A gorgeous six foot tall, cloth philodendron waves with slight movements of the air.

K Street currently serves lunches and Sunday brunch, although plans are underway for dinner service as well. Lunch consists of some unique selections intermingled with standard fare. Burgers with several variations are offered, along with crepes, entrees, specials of the day, sandwiches, and generous portions of salads. Soup selections are notable for their flavor, as are the house-made salad dressings.

Service is attentive, although the newness of the operation (K Street has been open for meals since May 9th) shows itself in a lack of coordination at times. The staff consists of a blend of men and women, as does the clientele.

While catering to the gay community, **K Street** welcomes the community at large. It is a place where you could just as easily take your boss or your mother as you could your lover. This represents a giant step for Sacramento and is welcomed by all who have waited for good dining in an attractive environment where gay men and lesbians can feel comfortable — and justly proud. ■

Gay Radio's "Fruit Punch" Celebrates Its Tenth Birthday

"Fruit Punch," the nation's longest-running gay radio program, celebrates its anniversary next month (June 8), with a gala birthday party to be aired "live" over KPFA FM, from the Valencia Rose Cabaret in San Francisco.

Entertainers and artists scheduled to perform at the community celebration — and to help launch Lesbian/Gay Freedom Month in the process — include the spirited Choral Majority, singer-composer Blackberri, stand-up comic Lea ("Raging Bull") DeLaria, poet James Broughton, musician Gwen Avery, gay recording artist Conan, whistler Jason Serinus, the dynamite duo Casselberry-Dupree, and a host of other talented well-wishers.

Supervisor Harry Britt will be on hand to congratulate the staff of "Fruit Punch," as will other political and media luminaries, and former members of the KPFA programming group.

"Fruit Punch" is a weekly gay men's radio program, aired Wednesdays, 10-11 p.m., over listener-supported KPFA 94.1FM (Bay Area) and KFCF 88FM (Fresno). The program has been produced by an unpaid, all-volunteer collective since its first broadcast in June, 1973.

The on-air party takes place Wednesday, June 8, from 8-11 p.m., at San Francisco's Valencia Rose Cabaret (766 Valencia). Donation at the door is $5-25 sliding scale — which includes non-stop entertainment, a lavish party spread, birthday cake, and no-host bar.

The festivities will be aired simultaneously over radio stations KPFA and KFCF, and over KPFB 89.3FM (serving the Berkeley hills). For additional information, phone (415) 431-7243. ■

Older Lesbians And Gay Men Hold Gerontology Conference

The National Association for Lesbian and Gay Gerontology (NALGG) will hold the Second National Conference on Lesbian and Gay Aging, June 24 and 25 at San Francisco State University.

Older lesbians and gay men, early community activists, and political leaders will be among the facilitators and speakers of the conference that will look at such subjects as "The Politics of aging" and the "Lesbian/Gay Movement in Historical Perspective." Confirmed presentors include Morris Kight, Phyllis Lyon, Dorrwin Jones, Monika Kehoe and others.

There will be a fund raising reception Friday, June 24, benefitting the NALGG and Coming Home, a voluntary agency that assures that lesbian and gay men have access to home health and hospice service.

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The Other Epidemic: Acquired 'Itching Disease' Syndrome

Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome is not the only epidemic in the gay community. Scabies has an even larger scope: a 'pandemic' with a world-wide resurgence. The last epidemic of scabies was in the early 1960's, and the present pandemic began the past few years.

About every 20 years Sarcoptes scabiei mites swarm over skin like a horde of locusts to feed, have sex and BMs on pink pastures that only humans can provide. Dogs and other animals develop their own clientele and don't usually exchange guest lists with human hosts.

The itch mite was discovered in 1687. In fact scabies was the first disease of man to have its cause uncovered. Scabies is not the same as crabs, which is caused by a louse (3 legs), instead of the mite (4 legs).

Smaller than the period at the end of this sentence, the mighty mite has an interesting life cycle that is important to understand if you don't want to be part of it.

The mite walks about an inch per minute over the skin. Although mites are blind and have no eyes, they seem to prefer certain crevices of the body: the web spaces of the fingers, the wrists, the genitals, the buttocks, and the belt line.

The young female mite copulates with a male on the skin's surface. Perhaps out of shame or embarassment, the young bride burrows into the skin within an hour of copulation. There she begins the prodigious task of laying 2-3 eggs per day that are each almost half her size.

The population grows from the larva which hatch from the eggs of the female. These change to young nymphs which soon become adult females and then consumate their marriages just as their parents did. Interestingly, the male seems to be relegated to forever wandering on the skin looking for his blind dates.

Probably mites live off intercellular lynph-like fluid and not blood since capillaries don't even reach the horney stratum corneum which mites prefer.

Fecal pellets (scybala) are left behind as the female mite burrows deeper and deeper. The burrow must be constantly extended since the epidermal layer is continously sloughed. After thirty days of this domestic routine, "mamma mite" dies and leaves numerous descendents since the eggs only take 3-4 days to hatch.

The legacy to the host is itching. Commonly the itch is intense enough to waken the person from a sound sleep. The scratching can even start bleeding.

The amount of itching doesn't seem to necessarily correlate with the mites population. Probably much of the itching is due to an allergy against the mite, its eggs, or feces.

Scabies diagnosis is difficult. Important clues are:

1) Night-time itching. 2) Symptoms in the bed partner. 3) A slow rather than sudden onset. 4) A typical constellation of eruptions.

Usually the rash is never on the face or scalp. A helpful clue is its varied manifestations, all at the same time: popules, burrows, vesicles, crusts, pustules or excoriations.

The physician may attempt to demonstrate the mite, its eggs or feces microscopically by scraping a burrow. Many times, though, treatment can begin on strong suspicion because of a typical history and appearance.

The treatment is the simplest part: Lindane. There is no over-the-counter medication for scabies, unlike the case for crabs. Lindane should be left on overnight to kill the mite and its eggs. However, the itching can take weeks to completely subside as the mite pieces still persist as antigens to continue the established allergy. This prolonged course probably accounts for the well known phrase: "the seven-year itch."

Scabies are spread by close personal contact but the transmission seems incompletely understood. Sex is probably not required for human spread; a handshake might even do. Beauty and mites are only skin deep.

During WWII, volunteers slept in the same beds used the night before by scabitic patients. There were as many as 50 adult female mites but most volunteers never developed scabies. Fomites, or inanimate objects like these bed clothes may not be good transmitters of the disease. However, it is medicine's party-line to have patients run their sheets and underclothes through the hot cycle of the laundry. On the other hand, washing all the clothes in the wardrobe doesn't seem necessary. ■

The Straight Community Is Interested In AIDS!

The following is a partial list of community presentations on AIDS given by Dr. Thompson and Pomerantz:

1. Grand Rounds UC Davis, Department of Family Practice.
2. Grand Rounds UC Davis, Department of Pediatrics.
3. Kaiser Hospitals, Noon Medical Conference.
4. Sacramento Medical Assistance Society.
5. Valley Immuno Hematology Society.
6. Sacramento State Student Health Center.
7. UC Davis Student Health Center
8. Man-Two-Man
9. Sacramento Oncology Nurses Association.
10. Modesto Gay Community.
11. Chico Gay Community.
12. Sutter General Open Forum.
13. State Capitol Open Forum.
14. Sacramento KS Foundation Support Workers Training Session.
15. All four major TV stations; three radio stations including 5 day series on AIDS (Channel 3, Marty Gonzalez), and Finnerty and Company.
16. News conference, Sacramento Blood Bank.
17. American River College, Sex Education Classes.
18. Infectious Disease Committees, local hospitals.
19. UC Davis Medical Center providers for proposed AIDS clinic.
20. Sutter General Hospital, Morbidity and Mortality Conference.

Up-coming: Reno, Nevada symposium 9 July and, Sutter General Hospital's Two Day Sumposium for Health Care Workers. ■

The STD Problem

Gonorrhea is second only to the common cold among infections, in the United States alone several million cases a year are estimated. About 800,000 women succumb to a related illness, pelvic inflammatory disease (PID). Nearly 100,000 Americans contract syphillis annually, half of them gay men. As many as 20,000,000 American have incurable, painful genital herpes; and 3,000,000 have chlamydia infections. ■

National Council Of Churches Membership Not Likely For MCC This Year

Excerpted from the LA Times

The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches' membership application to the National Council of Churches seems almost certain to be rejected, as frank discussion between members of the councils Governing Board demonstrated that it is not likely to admit a predominantly homosexual church to its ranks.

The MCC, which estimates that 80 percent of its 27,000 members are gay, applied for membership nearly two years ago, but this is the first time that the Governing Board has examined the issue.

Fears for traditional Christian theology and the council's cohesiveness have been the major concern in the discussions. Some Eastern Orthodox churchmen, black church delegates, American Baptists and Lutherans said that the MCC's positive views on homosexual lifestyles presented insurmountable obstacles for them.

The council's 266 member Governing Board will not vote on the application until November, when a two-thirds majority will be needed for admission. One council official said that only 14 or 15 denominations favor the MCC admission, and only two or three are likely to support it.

The MCC did not expect that membership would be gained this year, "We have no illusions that its going to happen overnight," said MCC spokesperson the Rev. Wilson, "it's going to be an uphill battle and we have no intention of giving up the fight."

Countering the traditional biblical objections to homosexuality, MCC leaders and supporters said that loving, unselfish relationships are the central biblical demands, and that recent scholarship has questioned the traditionally understood biblical injuncitons. ■

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National Gay Rights Advocates Sets "Agenda For The Eighties"

National Gay Rights Advocates, a nationally acclaimed public interest law firm for gay men and lesbians, has announced a new campaign to extend lesbian and gay men's civil rights. Calling the new program "Agenda For The Eighties," NGRA feels that it is their answer to the new right.

According to NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary, "Agenda For The Eighties" is a legal docket unprecedented in scope - aimed at broadening civil rights in four major areas.

The first is equal rights for gay couples. NGRA will challenge discrimination against gay couples in the areas of insurance, taxation, credit, and hospital and jail visitation.

The second area that the NGRA will work on is equal rights in employment. They plan to fight discrimination in hiring, firing and promotion, to work for equality in the area of fringe benefits for gay couples, to insure that licenses for occupations from hairdresser to dentist cannot be denied because of sexual preference, and to prevent the denial of the issuance of security clearnces to gay persons.

The third area of concern is the repeal of sodomy laws, laws that make gay sexual relationships a crime and that are still on the books in many states.

The fourth area is First Amendment rights. The constitutional right to join gay groups - the right to free association, the right to freedom of speech and the right to freedom of the press are under attack. The NGRA plans to launch court cases that will set precedents to protect and extend First Amendment rights for lesbians and gay men.

In order to proceed, the NGRA is asking that persons who have had problems in these areas, or know of others who have, let them know about it. The NGRA accepts only test cases that set precedents and aim to change homophobic laws. There is no charge to the client for legal services.

To obtain more informaiton about the NGRA, to become a member, or to talk to them about possible cases, write: NGRA, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, Ca. 94114. ■

Boston Law Group Presses Cases

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, a Boston based network of attorneys, legal workers and law students, has announced its spring docket of cases.

Four of the major cases that GLAD is working on involve a Federal employee fired for being gay, a transsexual day care worker who was terminated for being a transsexual, a Princeton University professor who is seeking spousal benefits for "spouse-equivalents" and a reporter for the Gay Community News who was denied press credentials by the Massachusett's State Police.

In addition GLAD said that it has received over 75 requests for legal assistance and information and is interested in hearing about any problems faced by gay men and lesbians who have been denied health treatment, disability payments or any other legal rights on the grounds that they have contracted AIDS.

For further information, write: Park Square Advocates, Inc., 2 Park Square, Boston, Ma. 02116. ■

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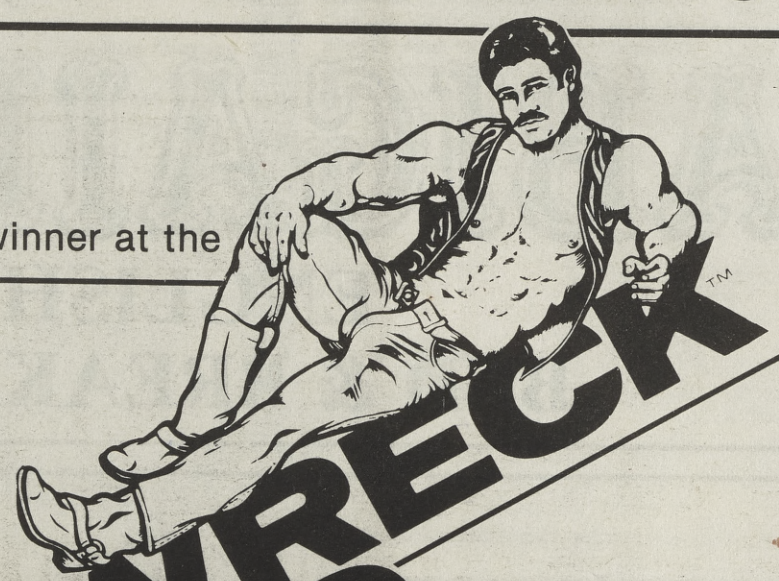
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LGPU Holds Elections

By C. Peer

The CSUS Lesbian and Gay People's Union held elections for the 1983-84 school year at a general membership meeting last month. On an uncontested ballot, the membership elected Paul Martinez president and Mitchell Bauer vice-president.

Both Martinez and Bauer were dismayed by the poor turnout for the meeting and the election, in which only eight members cast ballots. "Part of the problem is having the elections so close to finals," Bauer said, "and in getting information about the meeting to the general membership."

The offices of treasurer and secretary were also to have been filled in the election, but no nominations were received for the positions. These and several appointed positions will be filled in the fall when interest in the group is expected to rekindle.

Martinez will take over the office from out-going president Tim Warford in June. He plans to use the summer to prepare for next year. "I plan on focusing this years activities toward our membership," he aid. "That will be our main goal."

Martinez hopes to bring both social and political events to the LGPU. "We will continue the bi-weekly potlucks and women only potlucks as a safe non-threatening and supportive space for members to socialize," he said. "We will also continue with counseling, the open door rap, and the coming out rap group." He also announced plans to bring more speakers in to address issues that are important to the membership.

"Another area that we want to emphasize this year is a political branch of the LGPU," he said. "Areas of concern are women's issues, minority issues, the arms freeze and living an openly gay lifestyle as a political statement."

Martinez also announced plans to start a roommate referral service for LGPU members and the lesbian and gay community in and around Sacramento.

"The LGPU and I want to hear from you. We're a student organization but membership is open to anyone," he said. "For more information about the LGPU or the roommate referral service call me at 44-61171."

"The LGPU and I would also like to congratulate our members and friends who are graduating this year," he said. "We extend our best wishes and good luck for the future. You deserve it!" ■

Motorcycle Club Party Big Success

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club of Sacramento held its seventh annual anniversary party on Saturday May 7. The all-day party included a motorcycle maneuvering contest, buddy-rider events, and people events at an outdoor parking lot, along with an indoor party at the Broadway Ltd.

The motorcycle events attracted a large crowd. Many bikers entered the event, and an even larger amount of people watched. Several other clubs participated, including the Leather and Lace Women's Motorcycle Club (Sacramento and Davis chapters), Amazons Motorcycle Club (Sacramento), Border Riders Motorcycle Club (San Francisco), Petaluma Cocks (Petaluma, CA) and the Knights of Malta (Reno, NV).

The winners of the events were announced in the afternoon at the Broadway Ltd. Several different clubs were represented by the winners. For the people events, second place went to Mike W. (Valley Knights M.C.) and first place went to Ed (independent). For the buddy-rider events third place went to Jackie (Amazons M.C.), second place to Ryder (independent), and first place to P.J. (Leather and Lace Women's M.C.). For the motorcycle events third place went to Ryder (independent, second place to Mike W. (Valley Knights M.C.), and the prestigious first place to Dan (independent). All of the winners received trophies, and it was reported that the trophies were so large that some of the bikers who won them had to ask a friend with a car to carry them home.

At the conclusion of the outdoor events the party moved indoors to the Broadway Ltd. Inside the bar, the Valley Knights M.C. provided two kegs of free beer, enough food to last everyone for the day, an attendance pin (while they lasted), and a written program that included a history of the Valley Knights M.C.'s anniversary parties.

Valley Knights Make Plans

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club has plans for many trips this summer. The weekend of June 11 and 12 some of the Valley Knights will be joining the Border Riders Motorcycle Club of San Francisco on a ride to Fresno. The Valley Knights plan on meeting the Border Riders in Sacramento on Saturday morning June 11, and riding to Fresno along the backroads route through the foothills.

The weekend of June 17, 18, and 19 the members of the Valley Knights M.C. will be attending the S.F.G.D.I. club's annual run to the mountains above Georgetown in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Last year this run attracted over 200 persons, which makes it one of the largest annual runs held in Northern California.

Many of the Valley Knight M.C.'s rides are participated in by both club members and independents, and by both people on motorcycles and in cars. The club encourages persons who feel they would enjoy participating in club activities to contact the club at P.O. Box 8163, Sacramento, CA 95818. ■

"Coming Out" Forum To Feature Agnos

A Community Forum on the topic "Coming Out — Myths and Realities" on June 17, 1983 will feature Assemblyman Art Agnos, chief proponent of AB-1, the gay employment discrimination legislation currently pending. The event is sponsored by Our Community United as a part of this year's Gay Pride Week celebration.

Agnos will head a panel composed of persons representing the various aspects of life encountered by the gay or lesbian who choose to reveal their sexuality to friends, family and co-workers. Also on the panel will be Ken Brock, psychologist, Carolyn Langenkamp, attorney at law, Marilyn Pearman, State Personnel Board Sexual Orientation Project, Allen Chamberlain who is suing Frontier Airlines for spousal benefits, Mr. & Mrs. Follensbee, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Jim Morgan, News Director, KXTV Channel 10, and others from law enforcement and other segments of the community.

The Community Forum will be held on Friday, June 17, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Sacramento Room of the Sacramento Community Convention Center. A donation of $2.00 is requested and both gays and non-gays are invited to participate in the event which will encourage questions from the audience. Provisions will be made to protect the privacy of those not yet "out."

For more information, contact Phil Hoskins at 444-9939. ■

ORFC Plans Events

Tired of the bars, baths, beaches, bushes and bookstores? Tired of staying home because there's nothing to do? Just "coming out" and don't know where to turn? Our River City Family may have the solution. Formed three years ago, ORCF is a social organization for men and women of Sacramento's gay community, providing common interest activities in which to meet other people to form friendships and/or relationships.

For the month of June numerous activities have been planned to meet that objective. The traditional monthly potluck will be held on Saturday, June 4, at 7 p.m. The location is the home of ORCF Treasurer, Rick Yadon. All are encouraged to attend, providing a food dish of your choice and a liquid refreshment. ORCF provides the rest. For further information and directions contact Paul (447-1065), Charles (391-1362) or Rick (443-0160).

A pajama party is planned for Friday, June 17, 8 to 11 p.m. This is a BYOB and BYOS (Bring Your Own Snack) party. Due to limited space arrangements, attendance is by invitation only, based on the availability of your name and address on ORCF's mailing list. If you wish to attend and are not on the mailing list, please contact the individuals listed for the monthly potluck.

Weekly volleyball continues at Sacramento City College Women's Gym on Thursday evenings, 7 to 11 p.m. All equipment is provided: however, a donation of $2 is requested to help defray the cost of the gym rental and equipment maintenance. For further information contact Paul (447-1065). ■

AIDS "Worried" Group Starts

The Sacramento AIDS/KS Foundation is pleased to announce the beginning of a support group for people who are presently well but are concerned and "Worried" about AIDS. The group is run by Dr. Marty Rogers and will meet every Wednesday except the fourth Wednesday of every month. The meetings are held at the AIDS/KS Foundation office, 2115 J St., suite 3, at 7:30 p.m. No fee for participating in the meeting is required. The next meeting will be held on June 1, 1983. ■

Squares Rolling

The Capital City Squares are approaching summer with a full slate of plans and activities. For instance, on Sunday, June 5, a potluck party will be held to introduce and mingle the new beginners dance class, the established square dance club, and the new clogging group in Sacramento. The location for this event will be announced soon.

On Saturday, June 25, many of the CCS dancers will be attending a western square dance in San Francisco hosted by the Western Star Dancers. The following morning they will be squaring up and dancing along the route of the S.F. Gay Freedom Day Parade.

On August 4, 32 CCS dancers will be enroute to Reno to dance for three days with 10 other square dance clubs at the Reno Gay Rodeo. The officers of the CCS and the officers of Western Star Dancers along with Ron Brewer of the Barbary Coast Cloggers have been sharing the responsibility of planning and organizing plenty of dancing for everyone. The theme "Say Howdy" will prevail throughout the three days in Reno. The CCS will be decked out in their new tailor-made club shirts and sparkling new name tags. ■

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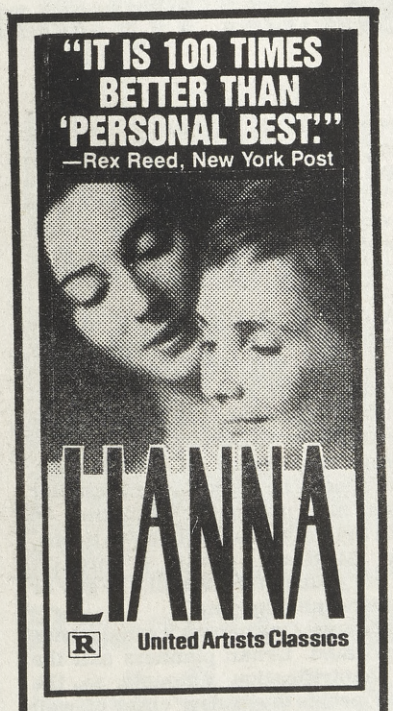

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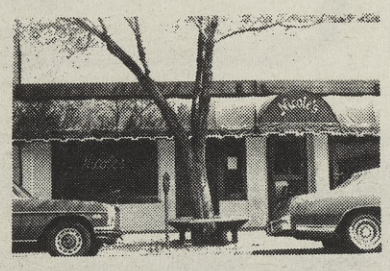
Midtown: Pulsating Businesses

By Chuck Miller

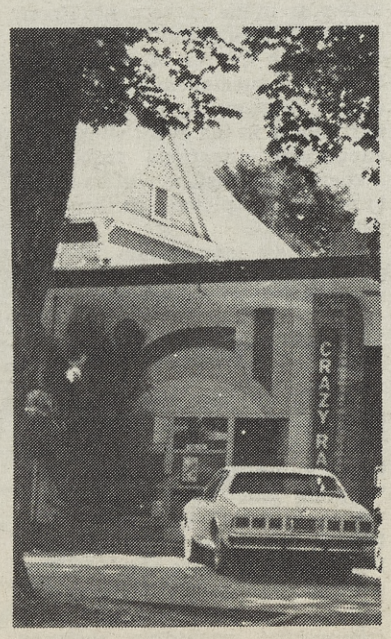
Pulsating in the rapidly beating heart of one of the top ten growth centers of the 80's, quakes a conveniently gridded section dubbed Midtown. Midtown: a title which, at first note might register as a black and yellow packaged generic label or some obscurely unreleased Rogers and Hammerstein musical, is quite the contrary at a closer look. A glance at a Sacramento map reveals a rectangle forming Midtown, bordered by A and Broadway Streets to the north and south, 15th Street and Alhambra Boulevard to the west and east respectively.

Awakened amidst an ambiance of beautifully tree lined streets an charming houses are a teaming plethora of proprietors fully aware of their strategic locations and fully equipped to meet the needs of the growth factor and revitalization that Sacramento is experiencing. This awakening has resulted in the recently recognized Midtown Business Association, an organization of business people geared toward the consolidation of energies in which to better focus on developmental patterns, goals, and promotional activities. With such points as the passage of a sidewalk cafe ordinance, city interest in the development of a 24 hour downtown area combined with a waning recession, this association has carte blanche in formulating one of the hot spots on the west coast offering a wide variety of features in which to indulge.



breakfast and lunch. And for a little Italy in dessert, there's the recently opened **Gelati Robi,** 2317 J Street, tantilizing the taste buds with a great selection of locally made Italian ice creams amidst a streamlined environment.

Shopping is as diversified as countries are represented by food. **How Tacky,** 2525 J Street, challenges your imagination in finding the perfect retort in cards, gifts, and things, Toys abound for "ungrownups in their second childhood" at **Willie's Playground,** 2527 J Street, while grownups shopping for children can find a truly delightful array of new and recycled clothing at **Confetti** (formerly the Rocking Horse), 2315 J Street. Sound and sight can be stimulated by a stop and purchase at **Midtown Video,** formerly Northern Lights, 2425 J Street, offering a wide selection of new and used records and tapes as well as video. or the ultimate in shopping, treat yourself and a friend to a cruise away from it all or any travel arrangements by stopping in at **All Travel,** 2204 J Street, and let Bill take care of you. If you've forgotten a birthday, need a softener to



mend a relationship, or just want to brighten up your living environment, visit either **Relles Florist,** 2400 J Street, or **The Greenery,** 1602 J Street, for just the right touch. Also new on the list of establishments is Sacramento's only women's bookstore, **Lioness Books,** 2224 J Street, offering a diversified selection of reading material as well as facilities for various group functions and meetings.

While J Street hosts a diversified set of pleasures to choose from, many other streets have recently begun to blossom. On K Street, there's **K Street,** the newest addition to dancing and dining. Formerly Vangaris, located at 2000 K Street, this establishment offers a lounge for quiet cocktails, a sophisticated atmosphere for dining (soon to include dinners as well as their presently served lunch and Sunday brunch), and a separate room for dancing to the latest tunes. Down the way at 2330 K Street stands **Pavas,** comparable to a placid matriarch in an atmosphere with floating music and wallpaper grandma would die for. This is a cheerful restaurant to start the day at, reading the paper and sipping fine brewed coffee. **Pavas** also serves full lunches and dinners. Accessories abound for both men and women at **West of the Sun,** 2131 K Street. And if you need an appropriate hat for any occasion, this is the place to stop.

Sacramento's only rollerskating and skate board rental, **High Roller Street Skates,** 1724 L Street, offers a great transportation alternative to see Midtown. Just down the street on 1802 L Street is **Fiasco's.** Light meals, espresso and fabulous desserts can be had amidst an artsy atmosphere and racks of bottled wine along the walls for customer selection.

These make up the tip of the iceberg in establishments that Midtown has to offer. Law services, hair care, auto repair, physician services are just some of the other highlights intermingling on the various streets. Unfortunately space does not permit the mention of all the other unique businesses Midtown accommodates; however, The Midtown Business Association will soon be creating a directory of the area for your convenience.In the meantime, have a cup of cuppuccino, rent some skates and roll around to the beat of Sacramento's heart. ■

Gentrification: Cultural Rebirth Or Social Dynamite

The core of Midtown businesses, setting the pace with its wide variety of establishments, is J Street. When out and about, food is always on or near the top of the list and a fine selection of fooderies abounds. If you're in need of evening entertainment, food or just some tasteful treats for the brown bag, **Boungustaio's,** 2007 J Street, offers a terrific assortment of cheeses and specialty foods to suit your needs. Perhaps the mood is set for something French. **Crepe Daniel,** 2326 J Street, serves a complete range of crepes for lunch, dinner, or Sunday brunch, hosting a full espresso bar as well as beer and wine. Evening dining is just down the street for fine cuisine at **Harlows,** 2714 J Street or **Nicole's,** 2815 J Street, which also serves

By Mark Vandervelden

The most evident feature of Midtown life is its constantly changing face. Abandoned Victorians languishing in disrepair have been lovingly restored to their turn-of-the-century grandeur. Commercial enterprises with long standing in the community whimper into extinction, the victims of the modern shopping mall with its supermarkets, department stores, and vast parking lots. In their place, rising out of the economic ashes, a myriad of trendy boutiques, cafes, and bistros have sprung up to service the demanding tastes of the inner city affluent.

The transformation of Midtown has been steady, taking on the appearance of inevitability. The transformation has also been widely accepted as desirable, worthy of the same civic boosterism that gave birth to the suburbs. Changing social values in the past decade have cast deep doubts on the logic of long, expensive commutes. The dream of the detached single family home has become the nightmare of seamless tracts of ticky-tackys devoid of any real sense of community, increasingly the locus of crime and violence. The trend toward smaller families and two income households has placed a premium on convenience and cultural opportunity. In light of these changing patterns, it would seem only natural that Midtown would eventually become a haven for the nouveau riche, the young professional, the gay or straight couple with large amounts of disposable income.

There is a downside to these trends of course. One person's renaissance can be, after all, another person's Holocaust. Urban planners call the process gentrification. Simply put, gentrification amounts to the permanent displacement of indigenous people by a new class of well heeled, mostly white, and often gay people. Gentrification, while still a relatively modest problem in Midtown, holds the potential for becoming social dynamite.

Politicians across the nation are grappling with the dilemmas of gentrification with little sign of success. On the one hand, the influx of monied urban homesteaders has breathed new life into urban cores on the brink of abandonment. It has meant physical and economic revitalization at a time when most municipalities have been pushed to the edge of fiscal solvency. In many cities, the dream of a 24 hour center of social and economic activity is now within grasp. All of these trends are hard for local officials to ignore.

Equally different to ignore however are the social costs of these trends. The experience of the overwhelming number of cities that are grappling with gentrification has been sobering, to say the least. People who have lived in neighborhoods for generations have been driven out by skyrocketing rents. Low income housing has evaporated in the name of historic preservation. The aged, disabled, and minorities have been displaced with no provisions made for comfortable, let alone affordable, relocation. In cities where gay people have invested in restoration of deteriorating housing stock, Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians have been shunted to the social and economic sidelines. Tensions have escalated in many communities where values come into sharp conflict and no process for resolution has developed.

Obviously, Midtown Sacramento is far from the kind of daily strife that afflicts San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other urban areas. But the seeds for conflict have been sown. A case in point: the recent reopening of Vangari's as the K Street illuminates on a small scale the conflicts that arise when inner city revitalization takes place. As a jazz supper club, Vangari's offered a unique dining and entertainment experience for a predominantely black clientele. Even though Vangari's customers would still be most welcome at the K Street, the fact remains that it is now a gay owned business actively soliciting gay customers. There is nothing wrong in any of this. There is no conscious attempt to disenfranchise straight black patrons. But the questions should be asked; Where do these people go now? Is there lingering resentment over the change? The point is this: whether we are speaking of a nightclub or a Victorian, a neighborhood grocery or an ice cream shop, the process of change causes pain. The pain is rarely intentional; often it isn't even obvious, but it is real and must be reckoned with.

In the coming decades, as an increasing number of people vie for the advantages and amenities of downtown living, Midtown will become the locus of conflict. Out of that conflict however, will be the opportunity for creative resolution, the possibility for a real feeling of community to emerge out of the process. In the end, neighborliness and conviviality will win out, adding immeasurably to the quality of life we all will share. ■

Upstairs/Downstairs: New Women's Building A Dream Fulfilled In Midtown

By Jill Kelly

Next to "Do you know...?" my favorite parlor game of conversational speculation is a few rounds of "What Sacramento really needs is a..." In the five years I've played this game, I've been able to eliminate from my wish list a good croissant shop, a decent women's bar and a real cappuccino cafe, although a large bookstore willing to stock obscure Canadian paperbacks and small press journals right up there on top. I'm happy to report, though, that one of my perennial gripes — the lack of a classy women's coffeehouse/meeting space — has recently toppled off the list.

The First Sacramento Women's Building is a dream come true, not just for owners Theresa Corrigan and Kathy Haberman, but for many Sacramento women.

Located at 2224 J Street, the newly remodelled 5,000 square foot two-story former fourplex is a tribute to Haberman's carpenterial expertise, Corrigan's entrepreneurial foresight, and the blood/sweat/tears of many volunteers. (See ad in this issue for all the volunteers who helped.) For the past nine months this crew has worked to transform a run-down, sagging apartment building into a tasteful retail and office space that announces to the visitor that the Women's Center has "gone uptown."

"The place had been vacant for two years," remembers Corrigan with a grimace. "We had to pour a new foundation, move all the walls, build a staircase, dig an 8-foot ditch for the sprinkler system...we figure that Kathy alone put in over 1600 hours of work here." She smiles as she looks around the freshly painted and carpeted bookstore. "But it's been worth it!"

For two years Corrigan has owned and operated Lioness Books, Sacramento's only women's bookstore, which has traditionally been located at the Sacramento Women's Center. A former staff member of the Rape Crisis Center and past President of the Women's Center Board,

Corrigan like many others has yearned for a women-owned building.

"I've always wanted to see the Women's Center services housed in a place owned by women — one that was clean, comfortable and professional-looking. For too long we've been relegated to left-over space with battered furniture. We deserve better than that!"

Lioness Books relocated to the Women's Building in May, and occupies half of the first floor. Haberman has constructed shelving, display cases and massive wood beams for the retail area, creating a warm but professional atmosphere.

The second story houses offices for three community programs: Rape Crisis Center, Women's Employment Services and Training (WEST), and the new Women Changing Direction. True to Corrigan's dream, the upstairs offices depart radically from the church-basement look that tends to plague alternative services.

Coffeehouse To Open

The other half of the first floor will be occupied by a coffeehouse, scheduled to open June 18. It is this component of the Building that seems to excite Corrigan the most.

"Women need a non-alcoholic environment where they can socialize with other women," she states. Describing the place as "woman-centered," Corrigan says that supportive men will be welcome, but that the coffeehouse will exist primarily to serve the needs of women.

She plans to provide space for art displays, as well as opportunities for women writers and musicians to perform their work. In addition, the coffeehouse will be available as a meeting place for community groups during off-hours.

"It's a place that will combine both the political and cultural concerns of women," says Corrigan. And although she will run the coffeehouse as a profit-making business, she and Haberman want to establish a non-profit arm that could seek funding for political and cultural activities.

Creative Financing

Financing the building has been a struggle. "Kathy and I and another partner pooled our resources to buy the building, and then we went to family and friends for additional money to pay for renovation." Corrigan seems philosophical when she admits being "up to our necks in debt — but we hope to break even in three years."

The First Sacramento Women's Building is wheel-chair accessible on the first floor, thanks to a $5,000 lift she hopes to finance through the proceeds of a raffle.

Corrigan credits the many volunteers who worked on the building's renovation with making a June Grand Opening possible.

"The support from the women's community has been fantastic. Without it, we'd still be somewhere back at the dreaming stage!"

(The First Sacramento Women's Building will celebrate its Grand Opening on Saturday, June 18.) ■

Women's Building To Hold Grand Opening

The First Sacramento Women's Building located at 2224 J Street, will celebrate its Grand Opening on Saturday, June 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Featured will be an art display, refreshments, a raffle, a dedication ceremony, and performances by local writer Ann Bannon and singer-songwriter Judy Fjell.

The Women's Building houses Lioness Books, a coffeehouse, and offices for the Sacramento Rape Crisis Center, Women Employment Services and Training, and Women Changing Direction.

Upstairs Services At The Women's Building

Besides Lioness Books and a coffeehouse, the new First Sacramento Women's Building provides a home for three important programs serving Sacramento area women.

They are:

Women's Employment Services and Training (WEST): Robin Purdy, Progam Director. A CETA-funded program offering work experience and on-the-job training to low-income women (primarily single parents) with little job experience or who have been out of the job market for awhile. Offers supportive services including child care and transportation, as well as job skills and motivational workshops. Call 441-4207.

Sacramento Rape Crisis Center: Deborah Wender, Director. Operates a 24-hour crisis line for past and recent victims of rape and other forms of sexual assault. Additional services include: counselling for rape victims, their partners and families; advocacy for victims dealing with law enforcement, courts, and the medical system; counselling to alleviate anxiety of women who fear rape; counselling for victims of child molest and their families; public education on issues concerning sexual assault, self-defense, home protection. Call 447-RAPE (crisis line) or 447-3223 (office).

Women Changing Direction: Sandy Lambert, Director. A preventive program for women working to take control of their lives. Community services are coordinated for low-income women facing a dislocating life crisis caused by job loss, eviction, a reduction or loss of benefits, or not feeling safe in the home environment. Supportive services include counseling; education in dealing with stress, how to handle money, and how to set personal goals; and emergency assistance which may include housing, food and clothing, childcare and transportation. ■

New Video Shingle Hangs At Northern Lights On J Street

By Jill Kelly

So you missed **La Cage Aux Folles** the last time around at the Showcase. What do you do?

Hightail it down to Midtown Video, 2425 J Street. According to owner Judy Scott, Midtown Video offers the best selection of good movies in Sacramento.

Formerly known as Northern Lights, Midtown Video is a refocusing of Scott's five-year-old new and used tape and record store. The store will continue to stock records and tapes, but Scott's new emphasis will be on video.

"I've been interested in video for years," Scott explains. "Even though a lot of video stores are opening, most of them stock a lot of junk. At Midtown Video, we specialize in foreign films, Oscar winners, classics from the 40's and 50's, concert tapes, documentaries — the kind of tapes you can't find anywhere else."

Midtown Video is among several new or expanding businesses on the revitalized J Street strip. Scott is enthusiastic about the new blood coming into the neighborhood, and notes that the businesses are drawing outlanders into her store.

"Because I've got such a unique selection, I'm getting people from as far away as Placerville." But the same friendly, and homey atmosphere Northern Lights customers came to expect will still prevail.

"I love my clientele," says Scott. "No one is an anonymous face here. We get to know them all." ■

YWCA Annual Meeting To Feature Local Author

Kathryn Hohlwein, co-author of **Touchstones: Letters Between Two Women, 1953-1964** is the keynote speaker at the YWCA's 92nd Annual Meeting/Outstanding Women Awards 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 3 at the Woodlake Inn.

Hohlwein is a professor of English at California State University, Sacramento; she has traveled extensively, faced a life threatening illness and raised three children. Her book chronicles many of her travels, thoughts and perceptions over that eleven year span.

The announcement of the ten 1983 YWCA Outstanding Woman award recipients will also be made that evening.

Among the nominees are: Melva Arditti, Ann Bruce, Diane Hazelroth, Mary Jane Popp, Sue Staats, Jean Runyon Tow, June Gable, Dr. Carolyn Ann Minor, Shireen Miles, Judy Muhn, Anne Rudin, Nancy Wolford, Callie Carney, Dr. Felicia Stewart, Sally Edwards, Justice Frances Newell Carr, Patricia Pilas, Diane Menendez, the Honorable Alice Lytle, Patricia Hutchison and Pam Gonzales-Hobbs.

Tickets are available, at $16 per person or $120 per table for eight, at the YWCA, 1122-17th Street, Sacramento, 95814.

For more information call 442-4741. ■

Parents And Friends Of Lesbians And Gays Announce June Plans

Dr. Terry Sanbeck, a psychologist, will speak and lead a discussion on the theme: "Flaunting or Affirming Our Sexuality," at the next Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays meeting. It will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 1983 in room 255 of the Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave.

Also a Rap Session will be conducted by Val Winn and Will Green at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 21, Geneva Room, Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Dr., for members and visitors of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. ■

SACRAMENTO Pulse SPORTS

Irish Drop Pair

By C. Peer

After several rainouts, the skies have finally cleared and the umpires have been able to yell "play ball," getting the action underway again in the Gay Softball League.

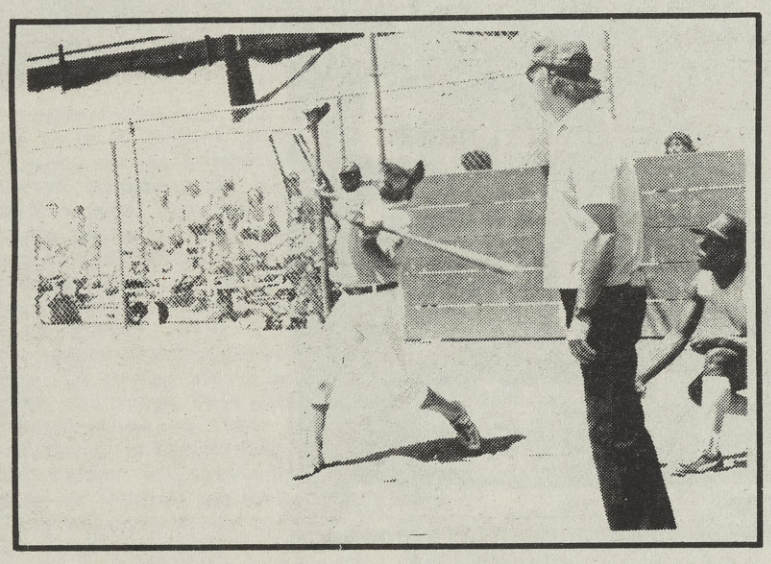
Unfortunately for the "K" Street Fighting Irish, the April showers were replaced with showers, if not barrages, of hits and runs by the opposing teams. The deluge has resulted in back-to-back losses for the hometown team, bringing their early season record to two losses and one tie.

The first loss game in a 26-1 drubbing at the hands of the Pilsner Inn May 8 in San Francisco. "That game taught us the meaning of the word humility," said team manager Jack Braddock, "we don't have any excuses, they just went out and beat us."

The Irish offense got on track early in a May 15 game against the Stables, thanks to a second inning grand slam homerun by catcher Russ Belcher. It looked like the shot in the arm the Irish needed to get on the winning side, but the Stable's defense got tough and shut the Irish out after that.

The Stable team called on the long ball on their way to the 17-5 victory. Aided by a strong wind that confused the Irish outfield, they seemed to score almost at will.

The Irish return to the diamond for a June 5 game against the Rawhide team in Sacramento. For starting time and field location call the "K" Street at 448-2000. Other games in June are on the 12 vs. the Kokpit and on June 25 a double-header against the Deluxe and Phonebooth, both in Sacramento, and a game with the Ambush on the 19 in San Francisco. ■



The Parking Lot's Mark Vandervelden swings for the centerfield bleachers in a recent CVSA softball league game in Sacramento.
Photo by Charles Porubsky

Fighting Irish 1983 Schedule

June 5	vs	Rawhide in Sacramento
June 12	vs	Kokpit in Sacramento
June 19	vs	Ambush in San Francisco
June 25	vs	Doubleheader Deluxe and Phone Booth in Sacramento
July 10		Googies in San Francisco
July 7	vs	Tray in Sacramento
July 24	vs	Moby Dick in San Francisco
July 31	vs	Cafe San Marcus in San Francisco

For starting times and field locations call the "K" Street at 448-2000 ■

Wreck Room Stars Take Early Lead

By C. Peer

The Wreck Room Stars, combatting rainy skies and some tough competition, have gotten off to an early lead in the Central Valley Sports Association's Softball League with a 4-0 record.

Right behind the Stars and pressing hard is the power hitting Parking Lot team with a 3-1 showing. The Modesto Brave Bulls, who have shown considerable improvement, are 1-3, and the Fresno Express is trailing the league with an 0-4 record.

According to Paul Coke, CVSA Assistant Commissioner, both fans and players are having fun. "The emphasis of the CVSA was to get the Central Valley community involved in a gay sports program," Coke said, "to date this object has been met."

The Wreck Room Tournament is coming up, and the Stars need your help in finding housing for out-of-town guests over the Fourth of July weekend. If you can help, please leave your name, address, phone number and the number you can house at the Wreck Room, or call Paul Coke at 451-5996 between 9-11 p.m.

The tournament is considered one of the most competitive in gay sports and will be held at O-Neil Park at Broadway and 5th Street beginning at 9 a.m. July 2. Teams that have confirmed for the tournament are the OZ from Seattle, Buddy's from Vancouver, B.C., Sacramento's Parking Lot and a Portland team. Also invited are the Pilsner Inn and Ambush from San Francisco, Greg's Blue Dot from L.A. and one other team from Seattle.

The fund raising auction that the Wreck Room Stars held on May 15 brought in nearly $1,500. Proceeds from the auction will go to the Stars' tournament travel fund. The Stars' would like to thank the many businesses and individuals who contributed items for the auction, especially: Flashback's, The Glass Pheasant, Earl (a friend of the Wreck Room), Mike's Puzzle Shop, Broadway, LTD., Mercantile Saloon, Mike's Floral Fantasies, Raintree Florist, Joanna's Fleet Feet, How Tacky, Fiasco!, Buongustaio, Nobnoble, Down-By-The-Sea, Sidran Suntrader, Dexter, Anna Harrison, Ernie Brown, Woolworths Florist, Senator Lloyd Connelly, Rara Avis Art, Northern Lights Records, Mike Cook, Bobby Soloman and Stanley, Charlie Tuna, Ambush of S.F., Martinstein Distributing, Bell Distributing, West of the Sun, Eddie Roberts, Mike Newman, Greg Rasberry, Carlton Jasper, Mark Vandervelden, Chuck Nash, Digette and Chuck, Jack Harris, Jim Gawronski, Tom Stuart, Garry Belcher, Rick Torres, Joe Maxwell, Paul Coke, the Wreck Room staff, fans and anyone else we may have forgotten. ■

1983 C.V.S.A. SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TEAMS	TIME	PLACE
May 29	**Cascade Cup — Seattle, Washington**		
June 5	Express vs. Parking Lot	12:00	21st & "C"
	Brave Bull vs. Wreck Room	2:00	
June 12	Wreck Room vs. Parking Lot	12:00	21st & "C"
	Express vs. Brave Bull	12:00	Modesto - T.B.A.
June 19	Brave Bull vs. Parking Lot	12:00	Fresno - T.B.A.
	Express vs. Wreck Room	2:00	
June 26	**GAY PRIDE WEEKEND**		
July 4th	**Wreck Room Invitational Tournament**		
July 10	Wreck Room vs. Brave Bull	12:00	21st & "C"
	Parking Lot vs. Express	2:00	
July 17	Parking Lot vs. Wreck Room	12:00	21st & "C"
	Brave Bull vs. Express	12:00	Fresno - T.B.A.
July 24	Wreck Room vs. Express	12:00	Modesto - T.B.A.
	Parking Lot vs. Brave Bull	2:00	
July 31	**Pacific Cup — Vancouver, British Columbia**		
August 7	Express vs. Parking Lot	12:00	21st & "C"
	Brave Bull vs. Wreck Room	2:00	
August 14	Wreck Room vs. Parking Lot	12:00	21st & "C"
	Express vs. Brave Bull	12:00	Modesto - T.B.A.
August 20, 21	#4 Team vs. #1 Team	T.B.A.	Modesto - T.B.A.
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For more information, write: Motorcycle Skills Institute, P.O. Box 522, Broderick, Ca. 95605 or call 364-RIDE. ■

Baseball College All Stars Play In Benefit For Special Olympics

The Sacramento College All Stars will take on the Stockton Ports in the Third Annual Benefit Baseball Game for the Sacramento Area Special Olympics on Monday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. at American River College, 4700 College Oak Drive.

The Sacramento College All Stars are composed of team members from the California State University Sacramento, Sacramento City College, American River College, Cosumnes River College and the University of California, Davis.

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Sisters In Gay Ministry Meet Regionally

(Mt. Rainier, MD) SIGMA, a national support organization of approximately 100 Catholic women, mostly nuns, ministering with the lesbian and gay community recently held two regional meetings in the East and the South. Jeannine Gramick, SSND, national coordinator of SIGMA and a cofounder of New Ways Ministry, stated, "SIGMA's decision to meet regionally has enabled more sisters to network for even greater support of each other."

The Mid-West and Western Regions will convene during the summer or early fall, 1983. The next national meeting of SIGMA will be conducted during the Dignity convention in Seattle, WA, Labor Day weekend, 1983.

SIGMA (Sisters in Gay Ministry, Associated) has officially endorsed an upcoming book on lesbian nuns and ex-nuns edited by Nancy Manahan and Rosemary Curb, former women religious, to be published by Naiad Press in 1984. SIGMA had its beginnings at a June, 1978 meeting in Baltimore of 25 women religious. ■

Gay Academic Union Seeks Nomination For Lesbian And Gay Community Heros

The Gay Academic Union, Inc., a national organization of gay academics, college students, and others interested in gay scholarship, art and educational outreach, will hold its ninth annual conference Thanksgiving Weekend, November 25-27, in San Diego.

Past awards have been made for humanitarian service benefitting the gay community, gay related research, the development of theory contributing to an understanding of gay issues, performing arts, the fine arts, literature, journalism, the presidents award for diligence in overcoming anti-gay prejudices and a special recognition for contributions to the advancement of the gay and lesbian rights movement.

The deadline for submitting nominations for these awards is September 1.

The subject areas for which formal presentations and papers are being invited include the arts, behavioral sciences, business and economics, communication and mass media, education, student activities and campus life, history, law, civil rights and political science, library science and archives, literature, mental health and personal growth, physical health and wellness, religion, spirituality and philosophy and women's issues.

Proposals need to be submitted by July 1 to be assured consideration for scheduling. For more information, or to submit proposals or nominations, write: GAU , P.O. Box 82123, San Diego, Ca. 92138. ■

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Russian River Update

By Marty Kurz

The Russian River area remains the place to go for an unbeatable combination of just as much beauty, excitement, tranquility, and gourmet dining as the visitor wishes to mix. An increasing number of resorts, restaurants, and recreational facilities cater to the gay traveler, each offering something unique to add to the stay.

I rhapsodized and wrote about the River extensively in MGW's **September 1980** issue. Here are updates on some of the River's accommodations:

There is a new look at **The Woods,** specificially with the new wood decks that have been built behind **The Woods Cafe.** Camping has been added to **The Woods'** accommodations, plus a gym facility has been installed for guests' enjoyment.

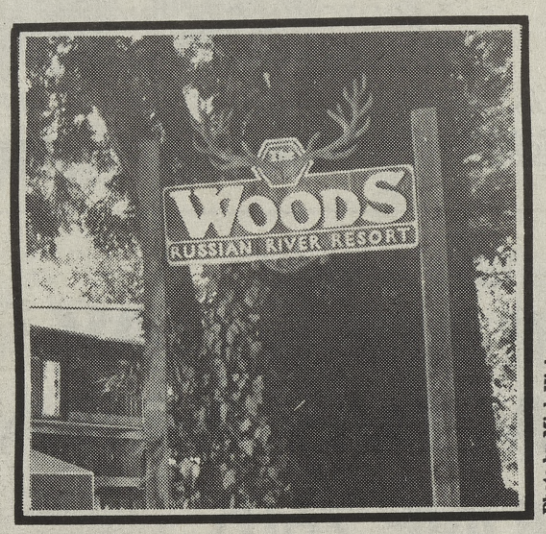


Photo by Mick Hicks

The Woods features appearances by well-known cabaret artists on Monday evenings. Maxine Weldon kicked things off Monday,May 30th. Also scheduled are Linda Hopkins — June 6; Barbara McNair — July 4; Christine Jorgenson — July 11; and J.P. Morgan — July 18. Other big names who will be scheduled are Rosemary Clooney, Joanne Worley, and Jane Russell.

The Woods is now open seasonally from March through Halloween and is not to be missed during this time.

Fife's Resort features live entertainment on Sunday afternoons such as Gayle Wilson, well known Bay Area cabaret singer. Photo by Linda Birner.

Fife's is featuring live entertainment also, with soloists and groups performing in the bandshell on Sundays starting at 3 p.m. What a pleasure it is to sit on **Fife's** deck, sip your favorite libation, and take in the beauty of the surroundings and the enjoyment of the entertainment simultaneously. If you must say goodbye to the Russian River, this is the way to go.

Drums, "the other side of **Fife's,**" offers extensive recreational opportunities at its facility. Outdoors, it boasts a pool, hot tub, tennis courts, volleyball net — everything the complete gay jock could enjoy. Indoors, it boasts the largest permanent laser installation in Northern California in its disco. There's no reason to sit around this place!

Fern Grove sits around the bend from **Fife's** and **Drums,** and it is sporting new fencing and decking this year along with a sun dial. Hosts Bob and Jay provide the warmest welcome possible to their guests and strive to provide a lover's hideaway that will lead to a memorable trip — and many more. Also Jay (Milo) and others with the Russian River Gay Business Association (RRGBA) are to be commended for the excellent brochure they compiled on places to go/things to do in their area. Free copies are available at the MGW office, 1400 S St., Suite 100B.

Little Bavaria is a German restaurant situated between **Drums** and **Fern Grove** that puts anything else by that name to shame. Herbert, **Little Bavaria's** owner, is dedicated to quality and excellence of cuisine along with the atmosphere in which to enjoy it. The dining experience consists of feeling transported to Germany and enjoying the very best of the country's culinary selections. This restaurant deserves four stars.

Directory Provides Guide To Russian River Resorts

The Russian River Gay Business Association has announced the publication of "Russian River Country," a brochure/directory that takes a look at the popular gay resort area.

FREE: Guides at MGW office. Stop by & pickup your copy.

RRGBA

RUSSIAN RIVER GAY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The directory provides a listing of many, but not all, of the gay bars and resorts in the area, as well as many other businesses and services that might be helpful to visitors.

The free directory also has a listing of upcoming events and vacation tips that are pertinent to the area. To order copies of the directory, write: RRGBA, P.O. Box 1480, Guerneville, CA 95446. ■

July Fireworks At Fife's

The third annual Russian River Fireworks are scheduled for Sunday, July 3, at 10 p.m. The display will be visible along the river in the skies above Guerneville.

Fireworks organizer Jim Schultz, Fifes, working with Pat's restaurant owner Donna Hines and other community members, is working to increase the patrolled viewing areas to allow the entire community to easily view the fireworks from many locations. For the third year in a row, the fireworks will be launched from Neeley's Beach, across the river from Fifes Beach.

The organizers also plan to coordinate the aerial display with patriotic marches played over local radio station KRJB, 97.7FM.

To raise the $3,000 necessary to present a 300-shell fireworks show, the fireworks planners are turning to the community for donations. Last year, the group raised $2,500 through contributions from the community, and were able to present a show of 200 shells and still have funds left over for this year's event.

Also, the fireworks group needs volunteers for fundraising. Anyone wishing to donate time can call Jim Schultz at 869-0656.

Donations can be sent to: 1983 Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 464, Guerneville, CA 95446. Checks should be made out to 1983 Fireworks Fund. ■

Triple R Adds To Russian River's Diversity

The Russian River resort area offers an extensive diversity of accommodations to the gay vacationer. Triple R Resort has been added to the selection for approximately a year. The extent of repeat business — 80% — indicates that it is satisfying the needs of many of its patrons.

Triple R is an attractively designed small, but fully serviced resort located in downtown Guerneville. Its cabins have been fully remodeled and feature wall to wall carpeting, contemporary furnishings, king size beds, and color TVs.

Photo by Linda Birner

A full liquor bar and John's Table, a restaurant featuring country cooking, are also on the premises. The restaurant is decorated with antiques and stained glass windows that make it visually appealing.

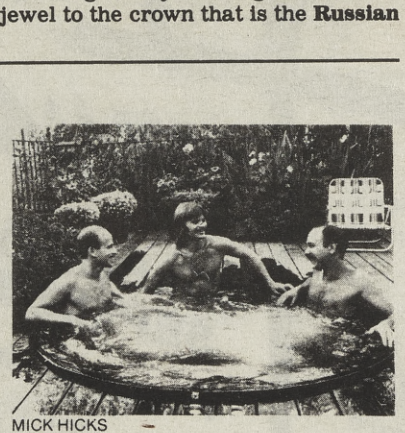
John's dinner selections are affordable, ranging in price from $5.99 to $8.99. Chicken and beef dishes are always served for dinner, along with several house selections. The brunch menu features a large list of sandwich and salad choices.

Triple R's amentities include a pool, hot tub, and gym room. Guests are greeted with a complimentary cocktail and treated to complimentary continental breakfasts.

Finally, the flowers are blooming everywhere, especially on Cloy's back patio at **Willows.** Cloy enjoys making a stay at his guest home a visual delight, which adds another jewel to the crown that is the **Russian River Resort Area.** ■

Triple R owner, Marvin Stelle, stresses that he wants to sell service, not just rooms. His intention is to create a low key but contemporary atmosphere for Triple R guests.

Cabin prices start at $35 per night during the week, $40 per night Fridays and Saturdays, and $50 per night on holidays. For further information and reservations, call (707) 869-0691. ■



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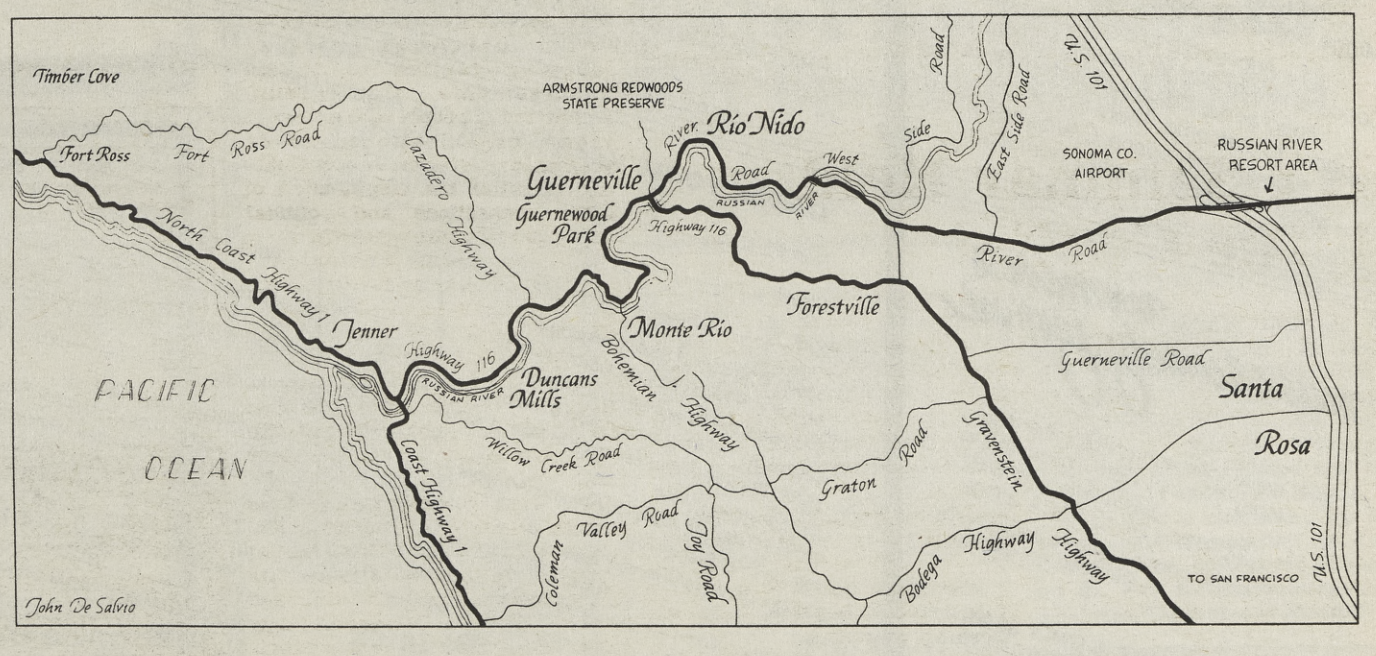

Under the Dome

Richard La Voie

Roberti Presses For Passage Of Measure To Combat AIDS

Senator David Roberti, President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

SACRAMENTO — Senator David Roberti (D-Hollywood) said there has been growing support for his legislation which would involve the State of California in research and preventative efforts regarding Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Roberti, who serves as President pro Tempore of the Senate, said "Support for this measure has increased from all segments of the health care, civic and gay communities as people become aware of this public health problem."

Roberti noted that recent scientific discoveries indicate AIDS is not medically related to any particular group of people. AIDS poses a health threat to the general population. There is much speculation in the medical community about where AIDS will spread next, but most researchers agree that the number and variety of victims will increase.

Roberti's measure would:

1) Create an AIDS section in the State Department of Health Services to provide for AIDS research, education and workshop grants.

2) Establish a Scientific Review Committee to advise the Department on the distribution of state funds for such grants.

3) Appropriate $500,000 to finance the committee's work and the grants.

Roberti noted that among the 1,366 cases of AIDS which had been diagnosed nationally as of May 2nd, 22% were in California. On April 19th, the State Department of Health Services reported a total of 316 AIDS cases, and 93 deaths in California since 1981.

Cosponsors of SB 910 are: Senators Milton Marks (R-San Francisco), Dan McCorquodale (D-San Jose), Herschel Rosenthal (D-Los Angeles), Diane Watson (D-Los Angeles), Leroy Greene (D-Sacramento), and Art Torres (D-Los Angeles).

Assembly co-sponsors are: Assemblymen Art Agnos (D-San Francisco), Burt Margolin (D-Los Angeles), Mike Roos (D-Los Angeles), Tom Bates (D-Oakland), Philip Isenberg (D-Sacramento) and John Vasconcellos (D-San Jose). ■

Gay Bashing Bill Passes Committee

By Richard La Voie

A bill to give lesbians and gay men extra protection against homophobic violence passed the Assembly Judiciary Committee May 18, 7 to 2. The bill now goes to the floor for a vote of the full Assembly.

AB 848 by Tom Bates (D-Oakland) adds sexual orientation, age and physical disability to the section of the Civil Rights Act which deals with violence. Currently, the Act protects citizens against violence on the basis of race, religion, or position in a labor dispute. The Act gives members of protected categories the right to sue attackers for $10,000 in punitive damages for depriving them of their civil right to be free from violence.

The Committee, faced with an overflowing agenda and severe time limitations, acted on the bill without hearing testimony from the bill's supporters. Assemblyman Tom Bates gave the presentation, telling the members that anti-gay violence is a problem in every city in California, and has been increasing dramatically in recent years. Reverend W.B. Timberlake, lobbyist for the Committee on Moral Concerns and the bill's only opponent, was allowed to speak against the bill.

When the first vote was taken, several members were absent or abstained from voting, forcing Bates to place the bill "on call" in order to get the other members to vote on it. Within an hour, the members had voted 7-2 to pass the bill to the Assembly floor.

Assemblyman Alister McAlister (D-San Jose) astounded gay activists who were present at the hearing by providing the deciding vote in favor of AB 848. McAlister,a Mormon, is one of the most conservative members of the Democratic caucus and a long-time foe of AB1, the gay employment rights bill. His vote came an hour after the bill was brought up, and no comment was made by McAlister during the hearing or at the time of his vote. Assemblywoman Jean Moorhead (D-Sacramento), a member of the committee, did not vote on the measure.

Reverend Timberlake opposed the bill on much the same grounds as he opposes AB1. Timberlake feels that adding "sexual orientation" to any law protecting citizens against violence or discrimination will make gays a "legal minority". Timberlake feels such a classification should be reserved for those minorities who did not "choose" to be part of a minority group, such as blacks or women. Timberlake also feels that gays are frequently the perpetrators of violence, particularly against children, and that civil rights protection should be extended to the parents of children who have been attacked by homosexuals.

The bill will be brought up on the Assembly floor for a vote within the next few weeks. It must pass the Assembly and be sent to the state Senate by June 24. ■

Women's Caucus Endorses Rudin

The Sacramento chapter of the National Women's Political Caucus has endorsed Sacramento city councilwoman Anne Rudin in her election bid for Sacramento Mayor.

"We proudly endorse Anne Rudin to be Sacramento's next mayor," said Carolynne Born, chair of NWPC-Sacramento. "As a women's political organization, we felt it was necessary to make our decision early, and endorse at this time, so the necessary community organizing and fundraising can begin to shore up support for Rudin among other women's and civil rights organizations, and educate the community on her positions on the issues and the quality of her candidacy."

NWPC is a nationally-based feminist political organization, dedicated to electing feminist women to public office and securing appointment to boards and commissions.

The organization endorses both women and men who support feminist issues, but reserves its financial support for women candidates in recognition that traditional access to large campaign contributions has usually been afforded to men. ■

AB-1 Seminar Held At The Capitol

By Stacy Selmants

AB-1, the anti-discrimination bill, received a strong push towards passage during a day-long seminar on Saturday, May 21, sponsored by the bill's author, Assemblyman Art Agnos. Over 50 activists from political, labor, feminist and business organizations learned the fine points of seeking endorsements, building media relations and lobbying tactics — all essential elements in the drive to prohibit employers from firing someone because of sexual preference.

The bill, currently on the "inactive" file, is far from dead. After a legislative campaign spanning over six years, the bill has a good chance to pass the Assembly and be brought onto the Senate floor, according to Agnos. In his introductory remarks at the seminar, Agnos stressed the importance of mobilizing the gay community in a multi-faceted lobbying drive to sway the uncommitted votes, especially among the undecided freshmen Assembly members.

Jackie Brainerd, from Assembly Speaker Brown's office, appeared to present ways to build media alliances and to utilize the power of the press, including tips on how to effectively stage a press conference and how to meet with the editorial boards of newspapers.

The bill has to be brought to a vote in the Assembly by June 24, or become a two-year bill, according to Agnos, if it is to stay alive. Many gay business association members and officers from the National Organization of Women (NOW), among others, are carefully plotting strategy to beat the deadline and ensnare the last few votes needed.

The primary strategy in efforts to add further legitimacy to the bill is obtaining endorsements from labor and religious groups. Some endorsements have already been offered, including ones from The Most Rev. Francis Quinn, Bishop of Sacramento, the California Church Council and the California Labor Council-AFL-CIO.

Later in the seminar, the participants divided into two task forces to network and plan lobbying tactics to obtain endorsements. One group, comprised of people with access to labor organizations, made preliminary efforts to coordinate and mobilize the combination of labor connections and political savvy present within the group.

The other task force planned the activities needed to make Religious Outreach Week for AB-1 (September 5-11) a success. The Religious Outreach Week is essential, and is timed for later in the year, to help convince the New Right of the Senate that it should support the bill, or at the very least, not fight it.

The task forces regrouped to hear Cleve Jones of Assemblyman Agnos' office and Lisa Katz, NOW's lobbyist, stress the importance of letter writing and Public Opinion Messages, both often neglected by grass roots lobbying organizations. Both conceded that signed letters from constituents are more effective, though unsigned letter from someone in the closet would, in the case of AB-1, also make a favorable impression.

At 5 p.m. the group adjourned to a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Wreck Room, sponsored by friends of AB-1. ■

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Gardens

David Black

Hanging Wire Basket Gardens

By David W. Black

There was a time when hanging baskets generally appealed to two types of gardeners: one was simply fascinated with hanging and trailing plants; the other had so little ground space that hanging baskets were one of the few ways to have some flowering color. While hanging baskets are the best way to display plants with a trailing habit, they are no longer limited to those varities alone. The moss-lined wire basket has made it possible to grow almost any annual, no matter what its habit, as a hanging display. What makes the moss-lined wire basket stand out from other hanging containers is that it can be planted in the sides as well as the top.

Creating a hanging wire basket garden is easy and fun to do. It takes no special talent, just an earnest desire to be a little imaginative along with having the following materials on hand: wire basket with hanger, sphagnum moss (not sphagnum peat moss), potting soil mix, your selection of plants, and a bowl of water for wetting the moss. (For a 12" wire basket you will need 24 plants, a 410 cu. in. bag of sphagnum moss, and approximately ½ cu. ft. of planting mix).

Now for the steps involved in making a moss-lined hanging basket:

1) Soak the moss in water, squeeze the water out of a 6 inch square piece, fold it in half (mossy side out), and fit the moss between the two top wires of the basket. Continue filling in the basket, overlapping the pieces of moss sufficiently so that no soil can leak through.

2) When you are finished lining the basket, put about 1½ inches of moist soil mix in the bottom, poke your fingers through from both sides, and work a hole big enough to insert a plant. Insert each plant so that the rootball lies on the soil surface and the crown of the plant is even with the inside of the moss lining.

3) Cover each row of plants with soil until you reach the top row. Then fill all but about an inch of the basket with soil mix and plant the top as you would any flower pot.

To keep the moss basket neat and in full color requires constant grooming. Remove all spent flowers, prune off any shoots that stray, fertilize with a slow release fertilizer such as Osmocote, and water regularly.

Some suggested plantings for wire baskets: Sunny locations — petunias, dwarf marigolds, lobelia, ivy geraniums, alyssum, verbena, herbs, strawberries, dwarf or hanging basket type vegetables. Shady locations — begonias, ageratum, impatiens, coleus. Part shade — pansy and violas, dwarf snapdragons.

Weekend Checklist

It's not too late to sow seeds or set our transplants of vegetable plants. Try tomatoes, beans, carrots, radishes, cucumbers, and summer squash.

Pinching out the tip growth or light thinning of plants makes sense during the summer months to promote growth and more blooms. Heavy pruning is not advisable during "hot" weather.

One way to keep your roses full of bloom is to keep the fading flowers cut off. Cut the flowering stem back to within two leaf formations on the main stem.

June is a good month to divide crowded clumps of bearded Iris and to plant new varieties from nursery stock. Established clumps probably need division if it's been three years since you did the last job.

Spring blooming bulbs — especially daffodils — are not ready for lifting until the foliage turns brown. This usually takes place in July, so don't rush the process by lifting them too soon. Continue watering them in their new location until the tops die back.

Fertilize your summer annuals every 2 to 3 weeks for better blooming and healthier plants.

Mulching around vegetable plants is a great time saver. It will cut down on the growth of weeds and conserve moisture.

June 11-12 Fuchsia Show
June 18-19 Bromeliad Show
All shows to be held at the Sacramento Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. ■

Cosmoscope

Max Moon

Sacramento

It took a gold rush and its need for a strategic base from which to import supplies and export gold to officially place Sacramento on the map. Incorporated as a bona fide community February 27, 1850 at noon*, Sacramento's Sun, ruler of gold and government, was naturally placed in the tenth house of recognition. 133 years later, a gold ball sits atop the city's main feature of recognition much the same as the sun was placed at the zenith of it's birth chart.

With the Sun, Venus, and Neptune conjoining the Midheaven in Pisces, Sacramento has become dependent on water for its livelihood. Neptune, natural ruler of Pisces, in the ninth house of foreign affairs, has witnessed the international development of Sacramento's commerce through its port development. Jupiter, co-ruler of Pisces and also affecting the tenth house, is located in the fourth house of agriculture. Conjoining its expansive business acumen with the Moon, it furthers Sacramento's world-wide status as a center for food supplies. It is the general public need for food, ruled by the Moon, combined with Jupiter's business sense, that places a wealth of money into Sacramento's purse. (The Moon ruling the second house of personal income.) Socially oriented Venus, in the water sign Pisces, also plays a significant role with Sacramento. Prominently placed in the tenth house, Venus also rules the fifth house of recreation and leisure. It is only natural because of this that a wide variety of water activities be a source of entertainment and recreation to native Sacramentans and visitors alike.

Sacramento is most noted as the Capital of California and its chart paints a perfect picture for supporting governmental functions. The Sun, Saturn, Neptune, and Jupiter reflect this very well. The Sun's administrative and authoritative influences are first and foremost. Positioned in the tenth house and conjunctive with the Midheaven, Sacramento is naturally geared to be a leader in governmental affairs. Pisces flavors these traits with a compassionate nature and strong sense of adaptability to meet the needs of California's teeming population. The judicial system, affairs of the ninth house, are greatly affected by Neptune's closeness to the Midheaven. High ideals are a prime target but can often be shrouded by confusion and deceptive influences. Saturn, in the assertive and pioneering sign, Aries, is located in the tenth. Acting as the solidifier of governmental structure, metaphorically, this may well have been the single, cosmic influence that brought forth the material development of the capital structure being founded here. Saturn's financial acumen and sense of responsibiility also rules the eighth house of taxes and outgoing debts. While financial deficits continually surface, the Arian drive and Saturnian methodical calculations plow through to new avenues of revenue for both the city and state. Jupiter, in the sign Virgo, also rules the seventh house of legislation. Virgo's analytical abilities applied to the prominence of Jupiter's higher mind and philosophical overtones, and the Moon's influence on the general public carefully and meticulously weigh the diversity of options to meet the needs.

A network of rail and road systems has been an integral and vital lifeline to the development of the city as seen by the Sun ruling the third house of transportation and communications. A vigorous and well recognized press such as the "Sacramento Bee" is not only signified by the Sun's influence on the third house but by Mars in the intellectual sign, Gemini. Posited above the Ascendant in the twelfth house, Mars in Gemini represents a press tightly involved with Sacramento's personal development and welfare. Effectively hiding behind the scenes in twelfth house fashion, city and state government operations periodically feel the press sting with Martian force.

Probably the single most important influence on Sacramento's present and future state is the conjunction of the planets Uranus and Pluto in Aries posited in the eleventh house. Prominently represented are the number of military bases (Aries), nuclear development (Pluto), and the recent introduction to computer industries (Uranus) all as sources of vast employment. Both planets are integral factors to Sacramento's work force and aspirations as Pluto is ruler of the sixth house of work and health of its inhabitants. The health interests under this aspect should be taken into careful consideration and special precautions pronounced for possible Plutonic nuclear disasters triggered by sudden Uranian unexpected conditions potentially capable of destroying all that this thriving Piscean city of warmth has achieved. Looking on a brighter note with these two planets, Sacramento can look forward to a future of being a pioneer in the advancement of telecommunications and a center of advanced computer technology prominently porrayed as a leader in Alvin Toffler's **Third Wave.**

*Time taken from "America — Cities, States, & Canada, Penfield AFA, Publisher. ■

Project Celebrates Anniversary

The Lesbian Rights Project will celebrate its fifth anniversary with a benefit in the Wattis Founders Room at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco on Friday, June 3, from 5-7:30 p.m.

The Lesbian Rights Project is the only public interest law firm exclusively devoted to helping persons with legal problems because of their sexual orientation. It provides day-to-day counseling and legal representation and helps to educate the legal and mental health communties about the special concerns of lesbian clients.

To reserve a ticket, send your $50 tax-deductible contribution to: Lesbian Rights Project, 1370 Mission St., 4th Floor, San Francisco, Ca. 94103 or phone: (415) 621-0675. ■

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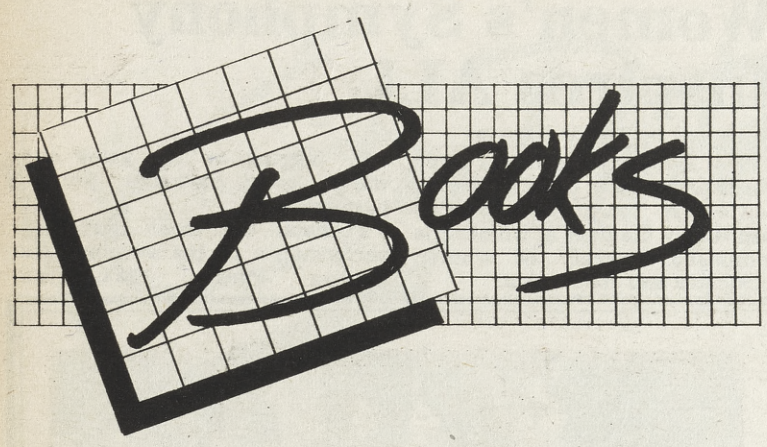

A Letter To Rita Mae Brown

SUDDEN DEATH by Rita Mae Brown, Bantam Books, New York, 1983, $13.95. 241 pages

Reviewed by Joyce Bright

Dear Rita:

Looking forward to an early night, I thought I'd take your latest novel, SUDDEN DEATH, to bed with me. Just a few pages to fall asleep with. I should have known better. You're much too provocative.

Of course I did get a little exhausted moving from city to city with your professional tennis stars. Incidentally, your city settings were lyrical, "Chicago hung on Lake Michigan like a glittering choker." That's a lovely touch.

The tennis circuit travel finally becomes a metaphor for the instability and unreality of the world these characters inhabit. Jane, one of the nicest characters you've ever drawn, says in respect to Carmen, our leading star, " '...she's in a world that formalizes conflict and protects her from everything except tennis. That's not exactly preparation for life's continual assault on one's narcissism.' " Indeed, none of these insulated pampered players demonstrates a modicum of maturity.

If I have any complaint, it seems to me you did a little too much commentary on the superficial aspect of pro tennis. For example, you say: "Modern professional sports rewards players for function instead of character. Responsibility is narrowly defined as doing a job better than anyone else. Emotional, social, or political responsibility is not even imagined." That's fine. But you come back to it again and again.

The character of Carmen, going for the Grand Slam in tennis, young, ambitious, thinking only of her next match, illustrates better than commentary the myopic obsession to win, to be applauded, to prevail at any cost. On the one hand she "squeezed life, and she thought there would always be juice." On the other hand, she "just wanted to be loved, to be happy, and she didn't want to suffer any pain for it."

On a very serious level, the entire novel is an examination of these tragic flaws. Carmen can't be alone; she drags Lavinia, her lover, from city to city demanding that Lavinia sacrifice her career for the quickly eclipsed glory of the sport's star. Carmen is unwilling to confront publicly her own homosexuality because she would lose her sponsor and her fans. She finds it easier to hind behind the glib excuse that bad press is bad for tennis — not herself personally. She would rather find a new lover than proudly stand by the woman who stood by her. At this level of play a warm bed partner and a nightly meal of ego strokes is all that matters. Carmen is not a sympathetic character.

I wish you had included more of the positive images of sports. (Maybe a few more glimpses of Carmen's musculature would have smoothed out her rough edges?) "...competition reached its highest level and became a sophisticated form of cooperation." Maybe the virtues of the sport exist only at the

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From Terrible Writers: About Violent Men

Reviewed By Jaime Cash

From Violent Men by Daniel Curzon. International Gay News Agency, 511 Capp Street, San Francisco, 94110. Published May 1983, 248 pages paperbound, $9.95 postpaid.

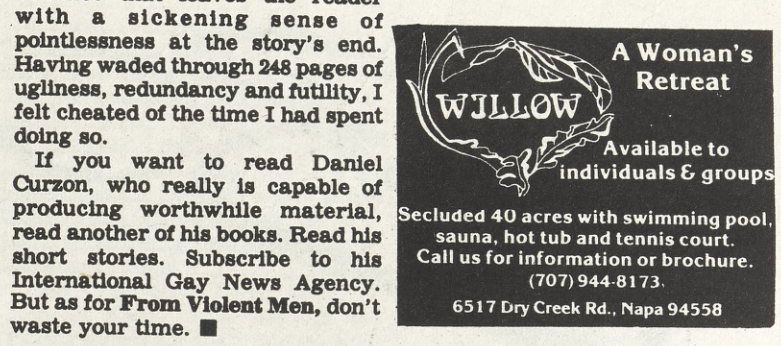
Someone purporting to be Daniel Curzon has written a book about a San Francisco Supervisor-cum-political assassin whose murder is plotted by a few zealous men out for revenge. Someone ought to let the real Mr. Curzon know that his name has been pirated, a crime which pales next to the atrocity of having written this book.

From Violent Men appears to be based on the murders of Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, though the author has included a disclaimer to the contrary. Brad Short, the All-American Irish Catholic ex-cop Supervisor kills "The Mayor" and "Harvey," and gets off with a light sentence. Desmond Rhodes is the gay man chosen by the new mayor to succeed "Harvey." Rhodes is a lonely, frustrated, misanthropic gentleman who decides to murder Short in prison, with the help of two inept co-conspirators, in order to bring some purpose to his wretched existence. Rick Jessup is the young reporter for the Gay Associated Press who unwittingly becomes the instrument of Rhodes' fiendish plot.

The idea is a good one. The major characters show potential for true depth and development. This potential is sadly wasted, however, as the author seems determined to lock them into a one-dimensional universe of black-and-white truths and feelings. Rhodes and Jessup, the middle-aged supervisor and the young journalist, are both idealists, though Jessup's idealism is at best simplistic and often naive, and Rhodes has let his idealism turn him into a bitter old cynic. Both are searching for happiness and meaning in their lives, and neither one finds them.

The author has declared his intention to point out the ugliness and self-perpetuation of violence. On this point, he excels. There is violence galore in his writing, the kind of hideous and graphic violence that leaves the reader with a sickening sense of pointlessness at the story's end. Having waded through 248 pages of ugliness, redundancy and futility, I felt cheated of the time I had spent doing so.

If you want to read Daniel Curzon, who really is capable of producing worthwhile material, read another of his books. Read his short stories. Subscribe to his International Gay News Agency. But as for **From Violent Men**, don't waste your time. ■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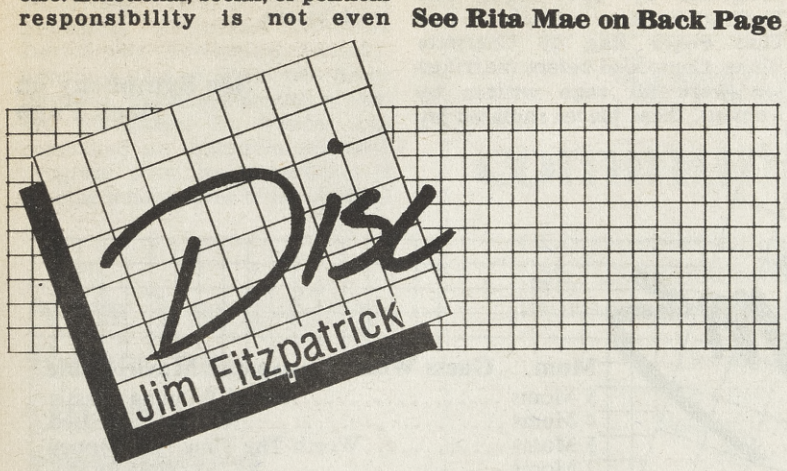

"Flashdance" — A So So Movie Helps Rescue The Record Industry

Although **Flashdance** the movie is a seriously flawed work, **Flashdance** the soundtrack is one of the best dance records of the year. And it's already becoming (as far as popularity goes) this year's **Saturday Night Fever**, helping to pull the record industry out of its current slump. Since **Flashdance's** release two months ago, the album has been selling at a steady 50,000 to 100,000 copies per week.

Of course, popularity doesn't mean a record is good. Some of Journey's records, collectively about the worst compilation in pop music's history, have been some of the biggest sellers. In this case, however, **Flashdance** is a winner on all fronts. There are a few disappointments (most notably Kim Carnes' "I'll Be Here Where The Heart Is;" Laura Branigan's "Imagination" is passable) but taken in its entirety, this album is very good.

The LP opens, as does the movie, with Irene Cara's "Flashdance...What A Feeling," the best disco song in years. The only hard-core discut on the LP, "What A Feeling" leads into Shandi's "He's A Dream" a gutsy, sexy rocker — one of album's best. It's a sound that surfaces again only two songs later in Karen Kamon's hard driving "Manhunt."

But **Flashdance's** real gem is Donna Summer's contribution, "Romeo." A bouncy blend of new wave and disco dance forms, the song is simply one of this year's best pop songs. **Flashdance** is an album not to be missed.

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Paul Parker's long awaited debut LP **Too Much To Dream** has been worth the wait. Every song features the irresistable dance beat and synthesizer work of longtime collaborator Patrick Cowley, coupled with Parker's vocals. Fortunately, Cowley and Parker had the good sense to write and select songs for the LP that don't require a dynamic vocal range. Parker's is limited, and the two have managed to overcome that serious handicap quite gracefully.

Among the album's best cuts are "Baby You Can Have My Lovin' Anytime," a sensual ode to a lover, and "Nighthawk," a song about a night on the town. There are surprises here, too. Among them is "Travelin' Man," which might be described as country-disco, if you can even imagine such a mix. The music, of course, is strictly disco, but the lyrics recall Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings.

But **Too Much To Dream's** true masterpiece is the title song. It's a discofied version of the psychedelic classic. Yet Parker's treatment manages somehow to transcend the confines of that dance genre. His vocals are chilling, and back-up vocalists Jo Carol Block and Lauren Carter (the Patrick Cowley Singers) add just the right amount of mysticism to bring back recollections of the psychedelic era, while updating the music to eighties sounds.

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Frontline Promo

Frontline players, Pam Piccione, Heather Lynn Wilson, Barbara Wezelman. Photo by Joseph Abril.

By Stacy Selmants

It is 1948; the nation is at peace; you are a woman in the military. Uncle Sam does NOT want you, especially if he thinks there might be the slightest chance that you might be a lesbian.

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The persecution of lesbians (and women suspected of being lesbians,) by the military in the post World War II years is the central theme of local playwright Pam Schaffer's play **Frontline** , opening June 3 at the 24th Street Theatre (also known as Sierra 2, 2791 24th Street). The play will be performed Friday and Saturday nights through June 11.

Frontline concerns the fate of four women in the Women's Army Corps who are incarcerated, prior to being discharged for suspected homosexuality. The key word is "suspected," for in the military no definitive proof is needed. During administrative hearings, witnesses can testify against accused individuals without being cross-examined.

While doing preliminary research for the play, Schaffer interviewed 11 women who had served in the military, both in the 40's and 50's and in more recent years. They verified the authenticity of the military's "kangaroo court" system. According to Schaffer, one of the primary methods used for "identifying" lesbians was to use a check list of ten "questionable attributes," such as being assertive or engaging in sports. If a woman displayed four or more of the ten attributes, she was likely to be questioned and/or discharged.

Another tactic was the implementation of forcing women to write "buddy reports" about their co-enlistees. When entering a unit, according to Schaffer, women were instructed to keep a file on each person in their unit, noting both commendable and subversive activities. These reports were often used against suspected lesbians in the effort to drum out all "undesirables" from the service.

Schaffer explained the noticeable escalation of dishonorable discharges after

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Women's Symphony Inspires ALL

Reviewed By Jackie Kramm

What symphony performs three world premiers in one concert...is dedicated to playing works inspired by the lives of women...is composed entirely of women musicians and conductors?

What symphony's principal conductor would hand the guest conductor a bouquet of flowers with — heaven forbid — a kiss?

The answer is The Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. As the only existing women's symphony in the U.S., its presence alone is breaking silences both in style and content in the male-dominated field of classical music. This season's third and final concert, performed on May 13th at the Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley, was certainly no exception.

Billed as "an evening of dance, improvisation and innovation," this concert's diversified program included shorter, less formal and more avant-garde works than the previous two concerts of the season. The evening opened with **Danse Sacree** (1898) by Melanie Bonis, a pastoral and impressionistic work dedicated to two sisters. This was followed by a short atonal and polyrythmic piece, **Fragment for Chamber Orchestra** (1937) by Johanna Beyer, which conveyed a mood of despair and agitation — fitting for a composer whose orchestral works were never performed in her own lifetime. This piece was contrasted in the second half of the program by two rags, **The Thriller!** by May Aufderheide and **That Poker Rag** by Charlotte Blake. Composed before marriage (as were all rags written by women), these pieces radiated joy and, judging by the grins and winks, were obviously fun to perform.

Perhaps the most intriguing performance of the evening was **Living Piece 1983**, an improvisation designed by Gwendolyn Watson for cello (Gwendolyn Watson), orchestra (BAWP), and dance (June Watanabe). Imagine what it would be like to be a classically trained musician seated on stage in a semi-circle with no music and no conductor, confronted by some "crazy" woman making her cello sound like thunder or playing it as if it were a guitar. The BAWP responded with impressive ingenuity, creating a flow of emotion in a conversation both humorous and intense.

Sensitivity, passion, conviction and humor — these mark the developing style of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic. As an ensemble, their sound is tight, balanced and harmonically precise — a quality which seems to come from a genuine raport between members and which is certainly surprising for an orchestra in only its second year. Their unique sound and style were particularly apparent in their interpretation of Aaron Copeland's **Applachian Spring** which concluded the evening. The BAWP lent this work, based on the thoughts and memories of a 96-year-old grandmother, a timeles beauty and peace that I have not felt in this work before.

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Something Disney This Way Comes

Something Wicked This Way Comes is an entertaining, if moralistic thriller, full of kaleidoscope horrors and magnified childhood fears. It is also a Disney product, but one designed to appeal to adults as well as to children.

Deftly adapted by Ray Bradbury from his 1962 novel, the screenplay concentrates on plot and characterization instead of hammering home the heavy-handed imagery which thwarted the success of the novel. In Greentown (the movie's locale,) everything is good or bad, light or dark, but, thankfully, in the movie the preachiness is dropped, improving the flavor of the story.

Greentown is visited by a strange and sinister carnival, owned by slimy Mr. Dark (Jonathan Pryce) and his band of obsequious helpers. Some of Mr. Dark's dubious activities are witnessed by child soulmates Jim Nightshade (Shawn Carson) and Will Halloway (Vidal Peterson). The two boys embark on a terrifying flight from evil, personified by the relentless Mr. Dark.

They are aided in their efforts to avoid the menacing Mr. Dark by Will's father (Jason Robards). He helps them to understand the finer dangers of temptation, and how to avoid evil. It is the emergence of Will's growing respect for his "over-the-hill" father that makes this film worthwhile. The camaraderie between Robards and Peterson is touching, as they evolve from being uneasy strangers to being belated friends.

Both boys are believable as basically good kids out for a thrill, and Robards is his usual masterful self as the father. There are some nice cameos by Pam Grier as the beautiful temptress and by Diane Ladd as Jim's preoccupied mother. But it is Pryce who becomes the most memorable character, in his methodically terrifying mission to turn little boys into shadows. ■

CityDate

Joseph Bean

Gay Pride Celebrations Dominate Month Of June

Gay Pride Celebrations dominate the month of June in San Francisco as they do in most major American cities. In fact, the city's Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Committee has so much to report that only a few selected events, in chronological order can be mentioned here. Final schedules in late editions of local papers and the usual snowstorm of handbills and flyers will have to do the detail work.

Saturday, June 4: **The Temescal Men's Chorus,** known for superb productions of serious modern choral works, will perform "I Sing The Body Electric" at St. John's Presbyterian in Berkeley. 8 p.m.

Monday, June 6: The annual **Lesbian/Gay Pride Month Poetry Festival** starts at Modern Times Bookstore. Two blocks down the street, at the Valencia Rose, it's **Gay Comedy Night.** Both events take place every monday evening throughout the month of June. Tough Choice.

Sunday, June 12: Both the **Frontrunners,** a gay running club, (552-8612), and **Women on Wheels,** a bicycling group (431-6210), have outdoor events scheduled for today and for several other Pride Month dates. Why not celebrate with a little exercise beyond the usual elbow bending and disco sweating?

Saturday, June 18: A new, mixed chorus, **The Pacific Lesbian/Gay Singers** will present the Faure Requiem at First Congregational Church. This most moving of masses is in good hands, Robin Kay is conducting.

Monday, June 20: **The Annual S.F. International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival,** showing films from all over the worlds, starts today and continues through Friday (6/24) with films being shown at the Castro Theatre, The Roxi Cinema and the Trocadero Transfer. During these same five days, a Lesbian/Gay History Exhibit will be on display during business hours at City Hall.

Wednesday, June 22: Champagne will be served at a **reception in honor of painter Robert Uyvari** at the Arena. 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 23: A similar **reception honors airbrush artist Randy West** at Moby Dick. 6 p.m. Art in the bars...handsome, hung and proud!

Friday, June 24: A three-way conflict of time and interests with a built-in solution — **The Men's Chorus** and **The Lesbian/Gay Chorus** are in concert at the Warfield Theatre at 7 and 10:30 p.m., and the finals of **The Mr. Drummer contest** are being held at the Trocadero Transfer from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. The only answer is to do them all! The early Gay Chorus show will let you out in time to catch Charlie Murphy's late show before you go downtown for the Mr. Drummer contest and hours of dancing. Simple.

Gay Freedom Day, Sunday, June 26: Early risers can join the **Frontrunners** for their annual pre-parade Golden Gate Bridge Run at 9 a.m. Sleepy-heads can gather at Spear and Market by 11 a.m. for the beginning of the **Gay Freedom Day Parade.** Lazy bums can meet the parade at Civic Center around noon for a **rally** that will continue all day in celebration of the diversity within the unity of the Gay Community.

Post-parade parties abound: "Metropolis," a Trocadero-sponsored bash, starts at 3 p.m. in Brooks Hall; "Up the Down Staircase" is Amelia's (women's bar) party, starting at 4 p.m. There is a Gay Tea Dance at the Galleria from 4 p.m. to midnight and one at the Trocadero from 5 p.m. to dawn. Sylvester will appear from 9 to 10 p.m. at the I-Beam's tea dance which starts at 6 p.m.

Of course, there are lots of other parties, regular Sunday night entertainments, visitors filling up the bars and streets, MCC's Festival Worship and who knows what else. I suppose a celebration like this has to be an overload after all, doesn't it?

TAIL PIECES: S.F. Opera's third annual Summer Festival is up and running with five operas in repertory this year...Tennessee Williams plays are on the boards at One Act Theatre Company, Noe Valley Theatre and Berkeley's American State...Dan Curzon will be signing copies of his "Dan White novel." **From Violent Men,** at Walt Whitman Bookstore on Market Street on June 4...The Castro Street "Dog" Show is scheduled for June 12, (415) 861-2215...and EXHIBITIONists, a gay video festival with live surprises, is set for June 23, (415) 861-0843. Enjoy!

Goldstein STD (VD) Research Project Donated To Mariposa

Mariposa has been notified by David B. Goodstein, well-known publisher of the Advocate, that he will make a major gift to Mariposa for the benefit of humankind. The gift is the largest contribution in the education end of research foundation's history.

For some time Mr. Goodstein and Mariposa President, Dr. Bruce Voeller, have been working together to solve the devastating problem of sexually transmitted diseast (STD). STD's include gonorrhea, syphillis, herpes and probably Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), among a total of about two dozen illnesses. In the collaboration with Mr. Goodstein, Dr. Voeller has conducted an extensive research program with the cooperation of leading laboratories at six medical schools. The research results are compelling.

Up until now Mr. Goodstein personally has funded this project through a wholly owned corporation. So far several hundred thousand dollars, provided by him to that corporation, has been spent. David is now donating a controlling interest in that corporation to Mariposa. The donation will afford to Mariposa the lion's share of all potential royalties resulting from this research. ■

New York Gay Resource Guide Published

The 1983 edition of the Lesbian and Gay Pride Guide Resource Directory may be able to help you plan your schedule, if you are planning to be in New York June 17-26 for the Lesbian and Gay Celebration commemmorating the Stonewall uprising.

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Enjoying The Sun...

After endless rain this spring, I don't understand where all the hot tanned bodies came from so fast. Something I've always enjoyed about summers in Sacramento is all the skin you see wheeling around town on a bicycle.

Early morning bike rides under downtown's leafy canopy are relaxing. The birds get up much earlier than I, but they are still singing away by the time I roll along to work. I have just discovered how easy it is to get around Sacramento on the bike paths. I especially enjoy the smiles and 'howdies' from others out enjoying the sun.

Evenings and weekends it is fun to peddle around downtown. There is not much traffic, but plenty to see. Peddle your butt by Compton's Market on Capitol... you are likely to see several others peddling away also, except they aren't on bicycles!

The River City Democratic Club had a great turnout at their recent social. Several local elected officials were present. **Senator Leroy Greene** drew applause from the crowd when he spoke of his commitment towards basic human rights, regardless of one's sexual orientation...

Assemblyman Art Agnos addressed a conference of activists and supporters of AB1 at the State Capitol recently. He stated "I am committed to this issue for as long as it takes." Commenting on his Greek background, Mr. Agnos garnered a laugh when he said "If I like a man, I kiss him..." Agnos stopped in briefly at the **MGW Newspaper** open house. It would have been nice if he stayed a bit longer, several people would have liked to meet him. You still can if you wish, read on...

Our Community United is sponsoring a forum called **Coming Out - Myths & Realities** on the 17th at 7:30pm. Art Agnos will head a panel which is designed to be the most extensive presentation about being open with your sexuality, and the effects on your life, your job, and those around you. A $2 donation will be requested. The forum will be held in the Sacramento Room of the Convention Center. Call 447-1065 or 444-9939 for details...

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club 7th anniversary party attracted bikers from San Francisco, Petaluma and Reno, as well as two women's motorcycle clubs from Sacramento. June 11th & 12th the **Valley Knights** will ride through the foothills to Fresno. The 17th through 19th is annual the run to Georgetown. The club encourages participation from interested persons...

Parents and Friends of Gays meet the 7th at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Ave., 7:30pm. **Dr. Terry Sanbeck** will speak on **Flaunting or Affirming Our Sexuality.** A rap session conducted by **Will Green and Val Winn** takes place at Fremont Presbyterian Church, 5770 Carlson Drive for members and visitors of PFLAG on the 21st at 7:30pm...

The Capital City Squares Square Dance club will be squaring up and dancing along the route of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Parade June 25th. Thirty two club members will dance and say howdy to ten other square dance clubs at the Reno Gay Rodeo August 4th -7th. If you plan on going to the rodeo, now is the time to make reservations. Organizers anticipate 35,000 guests...

Safety Monitor Training for the San Francisco parade takes place the 13th, 14th, 18th and 24th of June at the Women's Building, 3534 - 18th Street. Make an all day committment, and call (415) 861-5404...

What is it like to be gay and Christian? A week-long retreat of **Seventh Day Adventist Kinship** is a time of sharing and healing. For more info on the Aug 7-14 **Kampmeeting**, call (714) 952-0628...

"Who Controls Your Body?" Bay Area Career Women will hear Dr. Carol Jessup & Debra Friedland of **Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services** at 609 Sutter St., San Francisco on June 6th. (415) 431-5934...

A gala anniversary party for **The Lesbian Rights Project** takes place June 3rd in the Wattis Founders Room of Davies Symphony Hall. Local, state and federal elected officials will enjoy hor d'oeuvres by Narsai's of Kensington, who make the tastiest goodies I've had the pleasure of drooling over...

The Amethyst Quartet, members of the Bay Area Women's Philharmonic performs selections by women composers on the 10th at Trinity Chapel in Berkeley. Proceeds go to California Abortion Rights Action League. Call (415) 751-0300 for details...

A gala performance of **The Tempest** takes places June 5th at the Palace of Fine Arts Rotunda in San Francisco. A donation to benefit the free Shakespeare in the Park Program is requested. Contact San Francisco Magazine, (415) 777-5555...

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Jewish history, culture and identity is explored during **Jewish Film Festival** at Showcase Theatre. June 4th -9th...

Comedianne **Pat Bond** is guest of honor at the June 3rd performance of **Frontline**, a play about lesbians in the military. Contact the National Organization for Women for details, 927-1313...

Attention All Republicans. Did you know that the most exciting thing coming up in gay politics is participation by Gay Republicans? Are you missing the boat? Visit the organized Republican Clubs and urge their support of AB1. Contact **Boyce Hinman** for advice or direction, 965-6851...

The fourth annual **Summer Fantasy Dance for Women** is approaching. The dance will be June 17th, at Fruitridge Community Center, 4000 Fruitridge Road, 8pm-12:30am. **Women Over 35** sponsors this event, and are seeking workers. 362-9422 or 455-2120...

Indecent acts by women in the WACS provide the material for **Frontline**, a play by **Pam Schaffer** which will be performed June 3, 4, 10 & 11. Contact Pam at 448-5315 for details...

Feminist comedian **Annie Gage** from Seattle is seeking contacts in this area for her stand up and character comedy act. Contact her manager, Krishna Fells (206-282-0578)...

BETTE MIDLER is coming back to Concord Pavilion by popular demand. She is booked for the weekend of August 20th...

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A few final words... I recently spoke with staff in Governor Deukmejian's office. They had no position on the attempts underway by leaders of the Senate or Assembly to address AIDS on a state level. When specifically questioned regarding knowledge and understanding of the AIDS issue, the staffer could not provide an answer. He later returned my call saying "There seems to be no one in the Governor's Office who is aware of a problem." He suggested I write a letter. I suggest that each person reading this bring this matter to Mr. Deukmejian's attention...■

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Stan Hadden

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● ***DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS OF AMERICA (DSA)***—P.O. Box 162394, Sacto 95816. Socialist organization dedicated to building a society for the service of human beings.

● ***HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION***—2131 Capitol Ave., Suite 302, Sacto 95816. 4th Wednesday, 7 pm., City Hall. 444-6903.

● ***LA SEMILLA CULTURAL CENTER***—312-20th St., Sacto 95814. A leftist community political/cultural center.

● ***RIVER CITY DEMOCRATIC CLUB***—Box 161958, Sacto 95816. Gay/lesbian democratic club meets 1st Friday, 6:30pm at Senior Citizens Bldg., 27th & 'J'. 381-3115.

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● ***CHICO STATE GAY PEOPLE'S UNION***, CSU Chico, 95926.

● ***DAVIS LESBIAN & GAY TASK FORCE/UCD LESBIAN & GAY STUDENTS UNION***, 443 Russell Blvd., Davis 95616. Office hours, 12-3:30pm, Monday through Friday. 753-2090.

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discrimination", has apologized to the bill's authors, Sen. Allan H. Spear and Rep. Karen Clark, both openly gay legislators representing the Capital area. The Commerce Clearing House indicated in its letter to Spear and Clark that the offensive heading was penned by one employee who has since been severely reprimanded. The service, which sends out information on legislation to subscribers, declared it was as outraged as the bill's authors and apologized profusely. — **State Senator Allan H. Spear** ■

Gay Parade Route Picked To "Immobilize" City

NEW YORK CITY — Gay parade organizers have decided to retaliate against recent anti-gay events here by choosing a parade route likely to hold up enough traffic to immobilize a section of the city. The Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee announced the 13th annual parade will march down 5th Avenue to downtown instead of down a more convenient street. The committee cited last year's two vicious police raids on Blue's, a popular gay bar frequented by blacks, the failure of the City Council to pass a gay rights bill, and the liquor authority's closing of two popular women's bars as reasons for the change. — **TWN, Miami** ■

State Police Kill Maryland Gay Rights Bill

BALTIMORE, MD — A bill to prohibit job discrimination against lesbians and gay men died in the state Senate due to opposition by the State Police. The police said they would be forced, if the bill passed, to hire gays who would also be felons because of the state's sodomy laws. The state Attorney General, Stephen H. Lachs, suggested that the Senate move to repeal the sodomy statute to take care of the problem. The Senate killed the bill instead. — **Gay News, Philadelphia** ■

Man Attacks Gay Leader, Is Released By Police

WASHINGTON, DC — A 40-year-old man attacked National Gay Task Force official Jeff Levi with a gun to show how easy it is "to murder a homosexual", was arrested, and released two hours later because an assistant U.S. Attorney refused to prosecute the case. Paul Franklin Buck, the attacker, then returned to the DC Gay Community Center (where the incident occured) the following day in an attempt to find Levi, who was not in. The police, upon testing Buck's weapon, found it to be a replica which could not be fired. Buck said he never intended to hurt anyone, and that he only wanted to prove what he saw in the paper: that gays are vulnerable to violence. — **Washington Blade** ■

INTERNATIONAL

Magazine Claims Freud's Daughter Was A Lesbian

WEST GERMANY — **Emma**, a German feminist monthly, claimed in a recent issue that Sigmund Frued's daughter Anna was known to him as "my only son". Anna Freud died at 86 in London, where she fled with her lifelong female companion in 1938 to escape Nazi persecution. **Emma** claims that the two women were accepted as members of the family, who knew of their relationship. **Emma** made the assertion in answer to another publication's theory that Anna had sacrificed marriage in order to immerse herself in her and her father's work. — **Out Front, Denver**

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Italy Passes Bold New Sex Rights Laws

ROME, ITALY — The Italian Parliament has passed a new civil rights law that guarantees all citizens the freedom of sexuality and sexual expression. The law also guarantees sexual liberty for minors, who may now engage in sexual relationships if there is no more than three years' difference in their ages. — **TWN, Miami** ■

DISC

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Will the real Barry Gordon Jr. please stand up... Congratulations to Motown Records on their anniversary. For 25 years, Mowtown has been the label with more personality, more stars and more hits than any other. They also throw one hell of a party. Who else would bring together Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, the Jacksons, Smokey Robinson, Lionel Richie, the original Temptations, Four Tops, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder into one show? Ironically, the show's golden moment was Michael Jackson singing his non-Motown smash "Billie Jean." The low point was an appearance by Adam Ant. Talk about singing without soul! Not even a surprise, flirtious appearance by Diana Ross could save those three minutes.

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Megatone Records has just released a 12-inch memorial to Patrick Cowley, including "Menergy" and "I Wanna Take You Home" on side one, and a Megamedley of his work on the other side. All profits from the record's sales will go to the Gay Men's Health Crisis. Donations may also be sent directly to Patrick Cowley AIDS Fund, GMHC, Inc. Box 274, 132 West 24th St., New York, NY 10011.

Off The Record Top Five

1. "Too Shy," KajaGooGoo (EMI America 12-inch)
2. **Flashdance** Soundtrack (Casablanca)
3. "Cool Places," Sparks and Jane Weidlin (Atlantic 12-inch)
4. **Too Much To Dream,** Paul Parker (Megatone)
5. "Ready For Some Action," June Pointer (Planet 12-inch) ■

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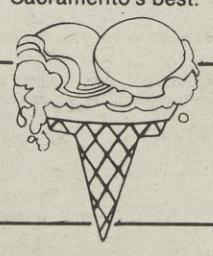

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Symphony

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The concert also included two works in which, unfortunately, the Women's Philharmonic did not play at all. Both works, Beth Anderson's **Torero Piece** for two voice and Laurie Spiegel's **Appalachian Grove #1 and #2** for electronic tape with photographic images, were powerful and thought-provoking. However, having come to hear the Women's Philharmonic, I would have preferred to have heard the Women's Philharmonic.

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Budget Cuts

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have restored funding for elective abortions despite legislative protest. The Governor hopes to save money by rolling a number of programs into a single Public Health Block Grant to be administered by counties. Critics fear that the counties might redirect these health funds for women and seniors to other programs.

Aged And Disabled Women And The Budget

The Governor is proposing reductions in three program areas important to women. The administration is offering no increases in the Social Security Insurance/Social Security Protection (SSI/SSP) Program. That program support the aged, blind, and disabled. Women outnumber men in the program two to one. Funding to support in-home support services (to help keep people out of convalescent homes) will also be slashed.

Politics And The Budget For Women

To this point the legislature has soundly rejected all of the Governor's proposals to reduce funding for women's programs. There appears to be strong support for funding women's programs in both houses of the legislature. The question at this point is where the revenues to fund these programs will come from. Will it come out of other cuts in the budget? Will the Legislature agree to new taxes that are being proposed? Will the Governor use his blue pencil to pare back any increases imposed by the Legislature? All of these unanswered questions are forcing the spotlight on the Governor who will soon be facing an increasing amount of political pressure from women's groups. Whether the Governor will feel the heat or see the light remains to be seen. ■

Frontline

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World War II. She attributed it to the overabundance of women who refused to revert back to the submissive civilian life, after being valued workers during the war effort.

"There were a lot of 'Rosie the Riveters' who got a taste of being on their own and liked it," Schaffer said. "And after the war, there just weren't enough jobs for them in the army. And of course they were fighting the 'Army is men's work' syndrome."

Schaffer also tried to elaborate on the lure of the military lifestyle; why so many women endured the hardships, just to feel a sense of belonging. (She grew up as the daughter of a retired military officer.)

"That sense of being protected, of belonging, of having so many needs taken care of — that was the main attraction and still is," Schaffer noted. But for many women, she added, the lack of individuality became more important than the benefits of being "one of the club." "Most of all, there is a lack of willingness to change, they are so rigid. As the psychiatrist says in the play, 'The Army doesn't make mistakes.' "

Schaffer also stressed the inevitable sameness of military structure, rituals and facilities. "After travelling about in Europe, I noticed a strong similarity between military bases and Communist countries. I think they use the same architects."

Schaffer believes **Frontline**'s subject matter is especially important because it acts as an explanation of the times, and shows how the lesbian witch-hunting of the period was a natural pre-cursor to the wide-scale witch hunting that was to follow, instigated by the infamous Senator Joe McCarthy.

But even more than presenting and dramatizing the subject matter, Schaffer is striving for a new goal — "It's about time efforts were made to bring good quality gay/feminist theatre to Sacramento." Schaffer and director Lynne Boone, of U.C. Davis, could be starting a new trend in this direction, with **Frontline.** ■

Rita Mae

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amateur level and the game is only as good as the players, but I can't help but hope that sportsmanship, even at the level of professionalism, is sometimes evident.

Now I have to tell you truthfully, this is not a book I'd give to my mother. (Which perhaps says more about my mother than your book.) These women indifferently flitting from bed to bed viciously plotting against each other does nothing for our lesbian press. Of course, I know the heterosexuals play the game no better than the homosexuals. Greed is no respector of sexuality, and you do demonstrate that point. I only fear that too many people will attend to the sexual issue and miss the point.

Which reminds me, speaking of sex. Your love scene: "When they came, they were as two moths caught in brightness." Really! I did laugh.

I think I liked the cat play most of all. You know, Carmen and Lavinia constantly creating the character of Baby Jesus, their cat, through the novels Baby Jesus wrote. Baby Jesus is the most prolific writer I've ever encountered. Her best seller, CATERPILLAR, about kitty architecture seems a bit sophisticated. But I would love to read CATEGORY — the murder mystery.

You are of course at your very lesbian best when it comes to the bitchy one-line put down: "Since Susan couldn't admit she had any faults, she was in no danger of correcting herself."

As an insider's view of the tennis world, I found your novel fascinating. Ultimately, I found it poignantly sad. As a human being I like to think people rise just occasionally above their circumstances, overcome their economic greed and emotional selfishness. The picture you paint here does not offer that hope. I can't help but think that if you had distanced yourself a little more from the experience, the story you wrote might have been a gentler one.

But then the story you did write is a good one, well told. Honest, guts, a razor-sharp wit — that's what I expect from you. Your instincts are direct; your ability to cut through the glamour and reveal the painful jagged edges with as much humor and humanity as that vivisection allows — that you do well. You have always done it well, and this novel is no exception.

SUDDEN DEATH takes place not only on the tennis court. In the development of Jane, in the dissolution of love and relationships, resides the possibility of new life and new love. In Jane your love and concern and vision for a better world come through.

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Love...and especially kisses,
Your adoring public. ■

Conference

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combination of reduced survey relevancy factors and geographic/economic isolation, success was limited.

*52% of the women had never married or lived with a man. 42% had married or lived with a straight man before they came out. Six percent had lived with/married a gay man. Many of the latter group cited "the need to put a facade" as their prime motivation, but most claimed they loved the man involved.

Mark Small, a graduate student at U.S. Santa Cruz, presented a startling paper, or at least startling to women and to men who have never frequented the bathhouses. Small focused on the ritual practices of the baths, stressing the code of silence, the cruising postures unique to the baths, the abandonment of outside determiners. He examined the physical layout of the baths, and explained the significance of each area. Also discussed was the delicate matter of acceptance and rejection, and the subtle shadings of each, in a place where verbal communication is limited to two phrases: "Do you have a room?" and "Thank you." He also shared some of the thoughts of the men he interviewed coming out of the baths, including one man's comment that "Every time I go to the baths I feel like I'm in a Fellini film."

When asked whether the snowballing incidence of AIDS has influenced the popularity of the bath houses, Small agreed that many men have decreased or eliminated their bath house visits in recent months. He suggested that gay sexual/social mores are changing gradually, and the publicity/fear surrounding AIDS has given many men a legitimate "excuse" to shun the baths. This phenomenon points to a trend, stressing the importance of the humanizing aspects of sexual intimacy, he said.

Lesbians over age 65 are often more content than their counterparts in the straight world, Sheryl Goldberg of the San Francisco **Center for Research and Education in Sexuality,** found. This ability to retain a sense of contentment is attributed to battle scars. Simply, a lesbian woman who has weathered the discrimination of a straight society, especially the homophobia present in the pre-Stonewall era, is more ready to adapt to the discrimination inherent in today's ageist society. Once again, the study compiled by the Center is a rarity. It unearthed many surprises and shattered many standard myths.

*The belief that two older women often living together for decades is based on truth. Many women reported relationships lasting between 20-50 years. However, there were numerous cross-generational relationships mentioned. The age difference in the cross-generational affairs ranged from a 10 to a 53-year age difference.

*Sexual desires do not die with each passing year. Though many women reported that they were currently celibate, all said they would choose to be otherwise if the right opportunity presented itself.

*Though the majority of the women surveyed were considered "tomboys" as children, the great majority did not grow up to be gym teachers, shattering another myth held by many heterosexuals.

The situation of the older gay was summed quite eloquently by one of the women who responded: "I'm too young to be old and too old to be young."

Other speakers covered subjects ranging from bisexuality in Mexico to the effect of status and sexual orientation upon evaluations of professional ability. Slide shows and discussions were also part of the program. Considered a success by both participants and organizers, next year's Conference will be held at the University of Chicago. ■

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